

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**
- 📅 **Pesah Events & Services**

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OUR COMMUNITY

HA-MAKOM YENAHM / CONDOLENCES

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

- Martha Kransdorf on the death of her father, Bernard Kransdorf.
- Dvora Hankin on the death of her mother, Bess Hankin.
- Barry and Elain Waldman, and their children, Rebecca and David Waldman, on the death of Barry's aunt, Nomi Waldman.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- David Hirsch, former BJ President.
- **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.



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 has 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 or x264.

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

For more info, visit 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. All classes are free of charge except where noted.

THIS WEEK AT BJ

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

- **Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:50 PM – 89th St. Reception Room
Led by BJ Rabbinic Fellow Arielle Rosenberg, Rabbi Shuli Passow, and Hazzan Ari Priven.
Contact Beth at btarson@bj.org with any questions.

- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

- **Soulful Start: Shira Yoga with Rabbi Shuli Passow** 9:20 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (lower level of 88th St. Sanctuary)
PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME AND LOCATION. Visit www.bj.org/yoga for more details.

- ● **Gimmel Shabbat** 9:30 AM – 86th St. 2nd Floor

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

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

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

- **The Fine Line Between Hametz and Matzah: A Women's Mini-Retreat for Pesah** 5:00 PM – 89th St. Reception & Middle Rooms

Rabbis Felicia Sol and Sarit Horwitz and Rabbinic Fellow Arielle Rosenberg: Dive into the fine lines between enslavement and liberation of the soul and bring back some additions for your own seder. Bring a dairy or vegetarian dish to share. Register at www.bj.org.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

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

- **BJ Ping Pong: It's Not Just a Guy Thing!** 10:45 AM – Wang Chen Table Tennis, 250 W. 100th St.

Cost is \$20, food and beverage included. Register at www.bj.org.

- **Spoonful of Hesed: Cook and Deliver Meals to BJ Members** 11:00 AM – 88th St. Kitchen

Want to volunteer or receive a meal? Contact Billie at x264.

- **Love: A Rally to Celebrate Our Common Humanity** 2:00 PM – Washington Square Park

Stand against intolerance and racism. Visit www.bj.org/love for info and to R.S.V.P.

MONDAY, APRIL 11

- **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 Minḥa and Ma'ariv** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Chapel

R.S.V.P. to arosenberg@bj.org.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

- **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.

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

- **Environmental Justice Hevra Meeting** 6:30 PM – 89th St. 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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Heschel Webinar: “The Meaning of This War”** 12:00 Noon – online
Please visit www.bj.org/aprilheschelwebinar to participate.
- **IDI Session: What Role Should American Jewry Play in Relation to the State of Israel?** 7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
Join Dr. Shuly Schwartz, Jonathan Tobin and Steven Cohen to discuss this question and more. The panel will be facilitated by John Ruskey.
- **Introduction to Judaism (registration closed)** 7:00 PM – 89th St. 2nd Floor Conference Room
- **Beth Olam Ha-Bah: From Here to Eternity** 7:30 PM – Shearith Israel, 8 West 70th St.
In this event, the first of three, learn about Common Ground, BJ’s partnership with Temple Shaaray Tefila and Shearith Israel to restore the Beth Olam cemetery. For more information, visit www.bj.org/betholam.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 Noon – 88th St. Frankel Hall
- 📖 ● **Coping with the Empty Chair at the Seder Table: A Pesah Program for Bereaved Jews** 6:30 PM – 89th St. Chapel
Participate in a discussion about how to allow for grief, while still finding meaning and comfort in Pesah. Free and open to the community. R.S.V.P. to bdistefano@bj.org or x264.
- 📖 ● **Pre-Pesah Challah Baking** 7:30 PM – location given upon R.S.V.P.
Join fellow BJ parents for learning, laughs and a glass of wine. \$15. Register at www.bj.org.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Heschel Friday** 8:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
A discussion of Heschel’s article “The Meaning of This War.” All are welcome.
- **Bim Bam Spring Session** 9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 AM – 89th St. Chapel

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

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

● **BJ Celebrate Community Auction: Buy an Ad for the Electronic Journal!**

Wednesday, May 18, 6:30-9:30PM, 88th St. Sanctuary: Who has made a difference in your BJ experience? Honor those members in the BJ Celebrate Community Journal! Ads will scroll on a 60-inch plasma screen the night of the event. Contact lsteinberg@bj.org or x228 to find out more.

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

Friday, April 15, 7:00PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Join Rabbi Roly Matalon and musician Dan Nadel for an alternative Kabbalat Shabbat with soulful melodies, verses of Shir haShirim (Song of Songs), liturgical poems and Psalms.

● **Soulful Start: Hakhanah laTefillah—Preparing for Prayer**

Saturdays, April 16, 30; May 14, 28; June 11, 8:45PM, 86th Street 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.

● **Israeli Bedouins: Challenges and Possibilities**

Saturday, April 16, following Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Chapel: The Bedouin community is one of the most marginalized in Israel today. Join Dr. Mohamad Alnabari, mayor of Hura, and Mr. Matan Yaffe, founder of Desert Stars, for a nuanced discussion on the current challenges and opportunities facing the Bedouin population today.

● **Tze'irim 20s and 30s Heschel Study**

Saturday, April 16, 6:30PM, location provided upon R.S.V.P.: Join Tze'irim for a Shabbat afternoon of study (based on the Heschel essay of the month, "The Meaning of This War" in *Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity*), song, food, and havdalah. R.S.V.P. to shorwitz@bj.org.

● **Bowling with BJ Youth**

Sunday, April 17, 12:00-1:30PM, Bowlmor Times Square: Join the BJ Youth Group for an awesome afternoon of bowling, pizza, games, and snacks. Discounted price for youth group members. Email awasser@bj.org to register by Sunday, April 10.

● **Parent Pesah Learning with Rabbi Rebecca Rosenthal**

Sunday, April 17, 3:00-4:30PM, 89th Street: Join BJ member Rabbi Rebecca Rosenthal for a discussion on engaging young children in your family's seder. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. R.S.V.P. to 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. \$10 per child. Visit www.bj.org to register.

● **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.: The Israeli Book Club allows an intimate encounter with Israeli culture, society and politics. Visit www.bj.org to register.

● **Young Families Pesah Program: The Story of Exodus**

Monday, April 18, 4:45-5:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join Play Me a Story as they tell how God, through Moses, prevailed upon Pharaoh to release the Israelites by sending ten terrible plagues to Egypt. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org.

● **Bike With the BJ Revolutionaries**

Monday, April 18, Tuesday, May 3, Wednesday, June 8 and Thursday, June 23, 6:30PM, 89th Street: Join our next ride and meet other BJ members while exercising. A fun, supportive atmosphere for all levels of bike riders. After the ride, kick back with a beer or coffee and get to know the group. R.S.V.P. to BJrevolutionaries@gmail.com.

● **Sell Your Hametz Through BJ**

Through Thursday, April 21: Rabbi Roly Matalon will be your agent for selling hametz. Fill out the form at www.bj.org/pesah or contact Billie at bdistefano@bj.org or x264.

● **Community Second Night Seder with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein**

Saturday, April 23, 6:30-10:30PM, 88th Street: BJ members only. \$55/adult, \$25/child. Register at www.bj.org or contact Billie at bdistefano@bj.org. Want to volunteer? Email bjsedervolunteer@gmail.com.

A TASTE OF TORAH: TAZRIA

וְרָאָה הַכֹּהֵן אֶת-הַגֵּנֶעַ בְּעוֹר-הַבָּשָׂר וְשִׁעָר בְּנִגְעַ הַפֶּה לָבֹן, וּמִרְאֵה הַגֵּנֶעַ עִמָּק מְעוֹר בְּשָׂרוֹ-יִגַע צָרְעַת, הוּא; וְרָאָהוּ הַכֹּהֵן, וְטִמְא אֹתוֹ.

The priest will look at the afflicted skin on the person's body: if hair in the afflicted patch has turned white and the wound appears to be deeper than the skin of his body, it is a wound of tzara'at; then the priest should look at them, he shall pronounce them unclean. — *Leviticus 13:3*

Why does it say that the kohein looked upon the person twice? It would appear that we have a hint here that when one looks at a person, one should not only see their bad points, where one has been afflicted, but should look at them as a whole. This includes their good points. Thus, although the priest must first "look at the afflicted skin," afterwards the priest must look at the person, as a whole. — *Rabbi Yisrael Yehoshua Tronk of Kutno (19th c. Poland)*

We often make quick judgments about what other people need, or we look at their current situation and think we get it. The kohein's involvement with this afflicted individual reminds us of the power of that second look. When has someone's first look at us been wrong? How can we challenge ourselves to look a second time at each person, recognizing that it might offer us another perspective? How might our perception of another's affliction change when we see the person as a whole? — *Rabbi Sarit Horwitz*

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 4*

- **A Day of Mindfulness**
Sunday, May 1, 9:15AM-2:00PM, 89th Street Gym: Join Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein, Rachel Cowan, Sol Gonzalez, Karina Zilberman, and Fretta Reitzes for a day of prayer, meditation, movement, and kindness practice. A light snack will be provided. Cost: \$25 per person. Please register at www.bj.org.
- **Inter-generational Walking Tour of Jewish Colonial NYC**
Sunday, May 1, 9:45AM-12:00 noon, location given upon R.S.V.P.: Enjoy a highly informative, fun walking tour of historic Jewish sites. Visit www.bj.org/walkingtour for more information.

WHAT'S LATER

- **6th Grade Spring Retreat**
Friday, May 13-Monday, May 15, Ramah Nyack: Join your fellow sixth graders at our weekend-long B'nai Mitzvah Retreat! Students will participate in exciting programs with others in their grade that bring them closer to becoming b'nai mitzvah while building community. Register at www.bj.org.

TORAH PORTION

TAZRIA
SHABBAT HAHODESH
ROSH HODESH NISAN
Torah: Annual Leviticus 12:1 - 13:59
Triennial Leviticus 13:29 - 13:59

- 1: 13:29 - 13:34
- 2: 13:35 - 13:39
- 3: 13:40 - 13:42
- 4: 13:43 - 13:46
- 5: 13:47 - 13:50
- 6: 13:51 - 13:59
- 7: Numbers 28:9 - 28:15

Maftir: Exodus 12:1 - 12:20
Haftarah Ezekiel 45:18 - 46:15

NEXT WEEK: METZORA
SHABBAT HAGADOL
Torah: Annual Leviticus 14:1 - 15:33
Triennial Leviticus 14:33 - 15:33
Haftarah Malachi 3:4 - 3:24

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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