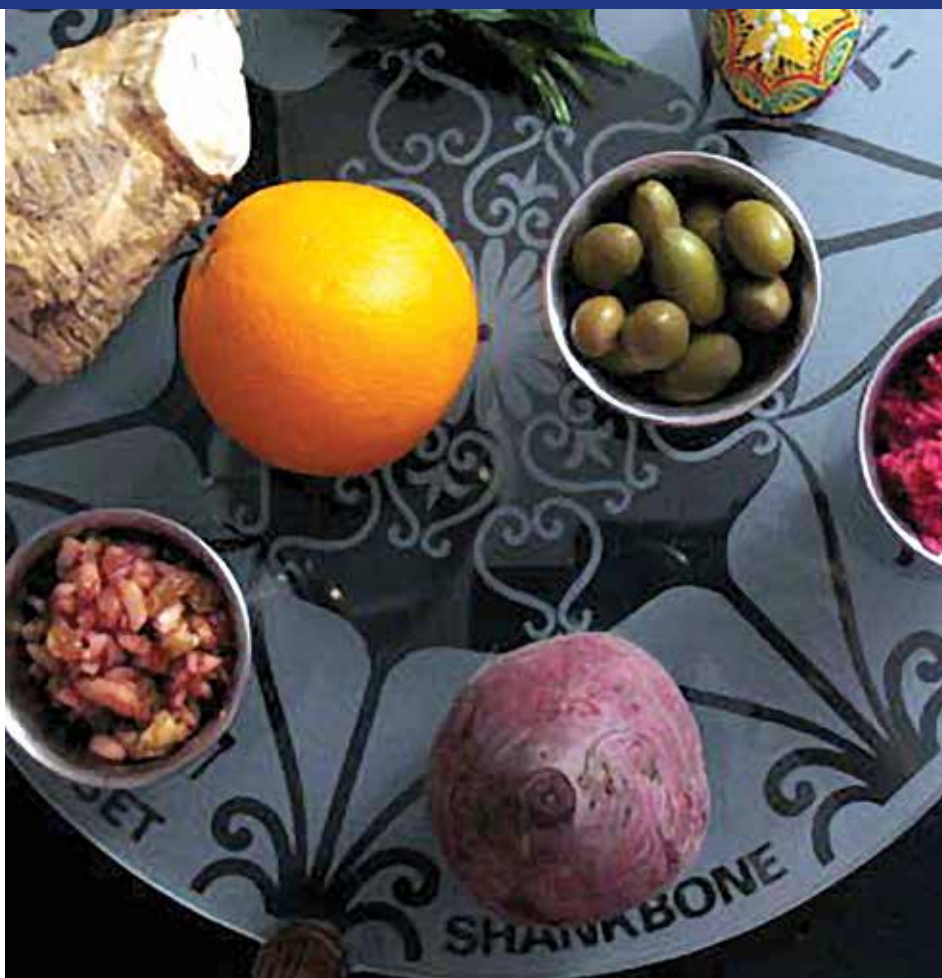


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
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April 15-22, 2016 • 7-14 Nisan, 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.

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- **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

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Emma Katz, her parents Kim and Elliot Katz, her brother Jacob Katz, her sister Steffanie Katz, and her grandparents, Nancy Ivers Romeo and Tony Romeo, on Emma becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Susan Green and Martin Zuckerman on their upcoming wedding.

TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is supported by:

- Kim and Elliot Katz in honor of Emma becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Judah and Michele Kraushaar and family in honor of Aura Maria Jaramillo's conversion.

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.



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.

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

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 15

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

- **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.

- ● **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 **Emma Katz**

Aliyat Hatan veKallah **Martin Zuckerman and Susan Green**

- ● **KesheTOT** 10:00 AM – 86th St. Chapel

- ● **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

- **Israeli Bedouins: Challenges and Possibilities** Following Services – 86th St. 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.

- **"20s and 30s Shabbat Afternoon: Sing, Study, Schmooze** 6:30 PM – 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.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

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

- **Bowling with BJ Youth** 12:00 noon – 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** 3:00 PM – 89th St.
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** 3:00 PM – 89th St.
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 Tsbari** 5:00 PM – location provided 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.

MONDAY, APRIL 18

- **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)
- Young Families Pesah Program: The Story of Exodus** Please note that this program has been cancelled.
- **Bike With the BJ Revolutionaries** 6:30 PM – 89th St.
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. Upcoming rides: 5/3, 6/8, 6/23.
- **TefilLab: Saying Kaddish** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Chapel
R.S.V.P. to arosenberg@bj.org.


TUESDAY, APRIL 19

- **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.


WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Introduction to Judaism (registration closed)** 7:00 PM – 89th St. 2nd Floor Conference Room

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

-  **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.
- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 Noon – 88th St. Frankel Hall

FRIDAY, APRIL 22 | TA'ANIT BEKHORIM | EREV PESAH—1st SEDER

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
-  ● **Siyyum and Se'udat Mitzvah** Following Morning Minyan – 89th St. Chapel
All are welcome to join with BJ Rabbinic Fellow Alex Braver, as he leads us in the completion of a volume of rabbinic literature. All first born in attendance are then permitted to eat and break the Fast of the Firstborn.

WHAT'S NEXT

● **BJ Celebrate Community Auction: Bidding Opens Monday!**

Wednesday, May 18, 6:30-9:30PM, 88th St. Sanctuary: Have you had your eye on that special auction prize? Bidding opens Monday, April 18 so get ready to place your bids on your favorite items. Haven't checked out the prizes yet? Visit www.bj.org/auction.

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

Saturday, April 23, 6:30-10:30PM, 88th Street: REGISTRATION IS FULL. To join the waitlist contact Billie at bdistefano@bj.org. Want to volunteer, even if you can't attend the dinner? Immerse yourself in the BJ Pesah experience and meet new people. Email bjседervolunteer@gmail.com.

● **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.

● **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.

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

Hot 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.

A TASTE OF TORAH: SHABBAT HAGADOL

Today is considered Shabbat haGadol, the Great Shabbat, and it always falls on the Shabbat immediately preceding Pesach. One of the reasons for giving this Shabbat such an auspicious title goes back to the days of the actual Exodus story in Mitzrayim. The Israelites received instructions that on the 10th of the month of Nisan, each household should take a lamb for the Paschal sacrifice. While it was on the 14th of Nisan that they actually made those sacrifices, the instructions were given on the 10th. The Talmud (in Tractate Shabbat 87b) calculates that the 15th of the month, when the firstborn Egyptians were killed, was a Thursday, and therefore the 10th must have been a Shabbat. That Shabbat was the first Shabbat HaGadol, the first Great Shabbat, because it, and the lamb that was acquired on that day, was a symbol of hope for redemption. We honor that Shabbat today and embrace the hope that it represents as we, too, await redemption.

The haftarah chosen for Shabbat HaGadol is from the prophet Malakhi, and in this haftarah the prophet promises the Israelites that God will again find them favorable and bring them redemption. The concluding verse of the haftarah reads:

הִנֵּה אֲנִי שֹׁלֵחַ לָכֶם, אֶת אֱלִיָּה הַנְּבִיא--לִפְנֵי, בּוֹא יוֹם יְהוָה, הַגָּדוֹל, וְהַנּוֹרָא.

Lo, I will send the prophet Elyahu to you before the coming of the great, fearful day of Adonai (Malakhi 3:23).

Some say this haftarah was chosen for this Shabbat because it says "this great/gadol day." Others explain that it's because this passage invokes the prophet Elyahu, the prophet we invite into our seders each year. Elyahu, the harbinger of the Messiah, is also a symbol of hope. We invite him into our seders in the hope that like we've just told the Exodus story where God redeems the people from their slavery, God will also redeem us. Believing that Elyahu might join our seder is a manifestation of the hope that we have as Jewish people. That hope is a fixture of who we are and it pushes us to look forward, to believe that times can and will be better than they are today.

Living in a broken world, we repeat the Exodus story each year not just because it's part of our story as a people, but because we believe in the hope that it brings to our not-yet-redeemed world. This Shabbat haGadol serves as an invitation to have a Shabbat of Hope, a Shabbat where we believe in the possibilities for the future.

— Rabbi Sarit Horwitz

TORAH PORTION

METZORA

SHABBAT HAGADOL

Torah: Annual	Leviticus 14:1 - 15:33
Triennial	Leviticus 14:33 - 15:33
1:	14:33 - 14:38
2:	14:39 - 14:47
3:	14:48 - 14:53
4:	14:54 - 15:7
5:	15:8 - 15:15
6:	15:16 - 15:28
7:	15:29 - 15:33
Maftir:	15:31 - 15:33

Haftarah Malachi 3:4 - 3:24

NEXT WEEK: SHABBAT 1ST DAY PESAḤ

Torah Exodus 12:21 - 12:51

Haftarah Joshua 5:2 - 6:1, 6:27

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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