

KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון
The Voice of BJ This Week

B'naiJeshurun
בני ישרון



September 9-16, 2016 • 6-13 Elul, 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**
- **Family Life & Learning**
- **Community Events**
- **Tzedek & Hesed / Justice & Acts of Loving-Kindness**
- **Israel Programming**
- **High Holy Days 5777**

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OUR COMMUNITY

HA-MAKOM YENAHM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Sheryl Green and Rodney Cohen, their children, Alex and Mira Cohen, and their entire family on the death of Sheryl's father, Hymie Green.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Max Lopatin Bordereau, his parents, Galit Lopatin Bordereau and Samuel Bordereau, and his brothers, Joshua and Jacob Bordereau, on Max becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Becca Fraser, her parents, Deborah and Larry Fraser, and her sister, Molly Fraser, on Becca becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Eve, Serge, and Celine Appel on the naming of their daughter and sister, Margaux Claire Appel.

TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is supported by Galit Lopatin Bordereau and Samuel Bordereau in honor of Max 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.

Shabbat Morning Services: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION!

Beginning **Saturday, September 10**, Shabbat morning services will start at 9:30AM at 86th Street. Children's services will start at 10:45AM at the 86th Street Chapel and Parlor.



WHAT YOU CAN BRING:

● Community Composting Initiative at BJ

Join us in our first community compost drop off program. Collect your food scraps at home and bring them to 89th Street whenever the building is open. For more information, visit www.bj.org/compost.

SAVE THE DATES! Contact Billie at bdistefano@bj.org for more information:

MINDFULNESS RETREAT IN COSTA RICA, January 15-22, 2017

Registration open now at www.bj.org/CR17

PRAYER RETREAT, March 19-22, 2017

WOMEN'S RETREAT, May 19-21, 2017

REACH FOR SHABBAT RETREAT, October 28-30, 2016

For the complete BJ High Holy Days schedule of services, please see www.bj.org/hhd.

THIS WEEK AT BJ

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- **Soulful Start: Hakhanah laTefillah—
Preparing for Prayer** 8:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel
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. Future sessions: 9/24; 10/8, 22; 11/5, 19; 12/3, 17.

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

Bar Mitzvah Max Bordereau

Naming Margaux Claire Appel

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

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

- **Minḥa Service** 5:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

Bat Mitzvah Becca Fraser

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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

- **Beth Olam Cemetery Trip** 10:00 AM – Beth Olam Cemetery,
2 Cypress Hills St., Ridgewood

- **Religion in an Age of Extremism:
Commemorating the 15th Anniversary
of 9/11** 10:00 AM – 89th St. JCC Manhattan,
Amsterdam Ave. at 76th St.

An iEngage Conference that will provide a unique space to reimagine our current realities. \$25 advance/\$35 day of. Info/registration: www.shalomhartman.org/NYCiEngage.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

- **Economic Justice Hevra Meeting** 6:30 PM – 89th St. Middle Room

Join us as we continue our work to support the Justice for Farmworkers campaign. For questions and to R.S.V.P., contact Lisa at lzucker@nyc.rr.com.

- **The Wisdom Matrix: Norman Fischer and
Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein** 7:00 PM – The Rubin Museum of Art,
150 W. 17th St.
BJ members can use code WISDOM10 to get 10% off advance ticket purchases (cannot be used on day of program).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

- **Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 Noon – 88th St. Frankel Hall

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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

- **Bim Bam** 9:15 and 10:15 AM – 89th St. Chapel

- **Bim Bam: Hebrew Immersion** 11:15 AM – 89th St. Chapel

WHAT'S NEXT

- **Prepare for the Yamim Nora'im: Home-Hosted Heshbon Hanefesh**
Be a part of our preparations for the Yamim Nora'im and join us in our communal Heshbon Hanefesh ("accounting of the soul"). Check out www.bj.org/prep to sign up for one of the sessions.
- **Usher, Greet, and Volunteer at High Holy Days Services**
Got a great smile? Like making people feel good? Want to be part of the effort that sustains this community? Volunteer to usher, greet, or collect Kol Nidre pledge cards. We need all hands on deck to make High Holy Days services warm, welcoming, and wonderful! Sign up at www.bj.org/usher.
- **Shishi Israeli**
Friday, September 16, 6:00-9:00PM, 89th Street Community House: Shishi Israeli is where Israeli and American Jews create a shared experience around the Shabbat dinner table. Join Rabbi Matalon for a Hebrew Shabbat service, followed by a delicious dinner, activities for children, and a sing-along. Registration required at www.bj.org.
- **Hitoreri, Hitoreri: Teen-Only Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner**
Friday, September 16, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join the BJ teens and Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein for our teen-only Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner. Register at www.bj.org.
- **Kulanu (formerly Junior Congregation)**
Saturdays from September 17, 2016-May 27, 2017, 10:20AM-12:00PM, 86th Street Social Hall: Join Rabbinic Fellow Arielle Rosenberg, BJ rabbis, and a team of musicians in a family-friendly celebration of Shabbat with song, games, prayer, art, and open sharing. Geared toward kids in 3rd-6th grades and their entire families.
- **Intentional Communities: Changing the Face of Israel's Urban Periphery From Within**
Saturday, September 17, following Shabbat morning services, 88th Street: Join Tamar Gil, Director of Development of Be'er Sheva based NGO "Tor Hamidbar," for a discussion about the role of mission-driven communities and social business initiatives, working within local populations, and changing the face of Israel's urban periphery.
- **Tze'irim: 20s and 30s Cooking for the Shelter**
Sunday, September 18, 11:30AM-1:30PM, 88th Street Kitchen: Join Tze'irim as we make dinner for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, September 13. Contact ajfeinstein@gmail.com for more information. A \$8-10 donation per person is strongly encouraged to cover the cost of dinner for the shelter guests.
- **Israeli Book Club Discusses *Esau* by Meir Shalev**
Sunday, September 18, 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. Our next meeting will discuss *Esau* by one of Israel's most celebrated authors, Meir Shalev, who will be hosted at BJ on 11/13. Visit www.bj.org to register. *continued on panel 4*

AHAT SHA-ALTI

Ahat sha-alti me-et Adonai otah avakesh

Shivti beveit Adonai kol yemei hayai

Lahazot beno'am Adonai ul'vaker beheikhalo

אחת שאלתי מאת-י' אותה אבקש,
שבתי בבית-י' כל-ימי חיי
לחזות בנעם-י' ולבקר בהיכלו.

One thing I ask of Adonai, for this I yearn:
To dwell in God's House all the days of my life,
To behold God's beauty, to pray in God's sanctuary.
— Psalm 27

Watch your inbox throughout the month of Elul for the daily kavannah—reflections and intentions from BJ community members. This year, members are responding to the question, "When has Judaism helped you become...?"

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RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016-2017

www.bj.org/renew

Questions? Call Membership at 212-787-7600 x302

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 3*

Day of Mindfulness Walk

Sunday, September 18, 11:00AM-1:00PM, Little Stony Point, 3011 Route 9D, Cold Spring, NY: Join Rabbis Brent Chaim Spodek, Marcelo Bronstein, and Rachel Cowan for an experience of walking, meditating, singing, and praying in the majesty of the Hudson Valley as we prepare for Yamim Nora'im. Cost: \$40 per person. Please register at www.bj.org.

Register for B'nai Jeshurun Hebrew School

Monday, September 19-Thursdays, May 26, 2017, 4:00-6:00PM, 89th Street Community House: Hebrew School starts soon! To learn more about our program, please go to www.bj.org/hebrewschool.

Selihot: Preparing the Soul for the Yamim Nora'im

Wednesdays, September 21, 28; October 5, 7:00PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Led by Rabbi Roly Matalon and musician Dan Nadel, we will prepare for the upcoming sublime days of soul-searching and prayer through haunting melodies of ancient Jewish communities and modern Israeli poetry and song. 7:00PM for light refreshments; program begins at 7:30PM. Free of charge.

Kadima@BJ

Thursday, September 22, 2016-Thursdays, May 25, 2017, 4:00-6:00PM, 89th Community House: The Hebrew School's exciting new elective model starts this fall. To learn more, please visit www.bj.org/learning/kadimabj.

Pre-Services Family Gathering & Oneg

Friday, September 23, 5:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Connect with friends and meet new people, hear a Shabbat story, sing songs, then head to services where families can sit together in one area. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org.

The Orchard: A Pre-Shabbat Gathering for 20s and 30s

Friday, September 23, 5:30-7:00PM, 89th Community House Roof (6th Floor): Get Shabbat started early at the Orchard. We'll meet on BJ's roof before Kabbalat Shabbat for niggunim (wordless songs), good conversation, and time with friends old and new. Free for members and non-members. Contact Arielle at arosenberg@bj.org.

Alice Shalvi to Deliver D'var Torah

Saturday, September 24, during Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Sanctuary: We are honored that Alice Shalvi, professor and advocate for women's rights in Israel, will deliver the D'var Torah at BJ. She was the founding chairwoman of the Israel Women's Network, served as president of The Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, and principal of Pelech, an experimental religious school for girls in Jerusalem.

Enter Yamim Nora'im Through the Gate of Selihot

Saturday, September 24, 8:45PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: We will begin with Havdalah, followed by a panel discussion on "Jewish Identity in Our Time." There will be a coffee break at 10:30PM, and the evening will conclude with the Selihot service at 11:00PM.

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A TASTE OF TORAH: SHOFETIM

נְבִיא אֲקִים לָהֶם מִקִּרְבֵּי אַחֵיהֶם כְּמוֹךָ וְנִתְּנִי דְבָרֶי בְּפִיו וְדִבֶּר אֲלֵיהֶם אֶת כָּל-אֲשֶׁר אֶצְוֶנּוּ: הֲיָה הָאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יִשְׁמַע אֶל-דְּבָרֵי אֲשֶׁר יְדַבֵּר בְּשֵׁמִי אֲנֹכִי אֲדַרְשׁ מֵעַמּוֹ:

I will raise up a prophet for them from among their own people, like yourself, and I will put My words into their mouth, and they will speak to the people all that I command them. And it will be that whoever does not hearken to My words that they speak in My name, I will call them to account.— *Deuteronomy 18:18-19*

One who suppresses their prophecy, and they do not announce it, or one who transgresses the words of a prophet, or a prophet who transgresses his own words of prophecy, their death is by the hands of Heaven, as it says, "I will call them to account." — *Rashi*

Parashat Shofetim outlines many ways we can understand false prophecy, some seeming more or less relevant to us today. Rashi outlines one of the greatest sins of a prophet as not one limited to individuals uniquely connected to the Divine, but a sin of which we are all sometimes guilty. This is the transgression of transgressing our own words of prophecy—not practicing what we preach. How often have we found ourselves not living up to our own expectations of ourselves and others? This is the sin of not "walking the walk." We each have messages that we carry out to the world, the values that we think are crucial to embody. Yet we all fall short of those messages. As we make our way through Elul, let's think about how we can live with as much honesty and integrity as possible. As we do this personal work of teshuvah, how might it enable our relationship with others and with God to be stronger? — *Rabbi Sarit Horwitz*

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 4*

- Heshbon Hanefesh: Anti-Racism Training**
Sunday, September 25, 11:00AM-1:00PM, 89th Street Middle Room **and Monday, September 26**, 6:30-8:30PM, 89th Street Middle Room: This session is intended to provide a space for white Jews to identify how race and racism show up within our community, how we internalize it, and explore how passed-down trauma informs us today. BJ members only. R.S.V.P. to lwohl@bj.org.
- A Night of Remembrance: A High Holy Days Program for the Bereaved**
Monday, September 26, 6:30-8:00PM, 89th Chapel: Participate in a meaningful gathering, exploring ways to allow for grief while finding meaning and comfort in the themes of the High Holy Days. R.S.V.P. to Billie at x264.

TORAH PORTION

SHOFETIM

Torah: Annual	Deuteronomy 16:8 - 21:9
Triennial	Deuteronomy 19:14 - 21:9
1:	19:14 - 19:21
2:	20:1 - 20:4
3:	20:5 - 20:9
4:	20:10 - 20:14
5:	20:15 - 20:20
6:	21:1 - 21:6
7:	21:7 - 21:9
Maftir:	21:7 - 21:9

Haftarah Isaiah 51:12 - 52:12

NEXT WEEK: KI TETZE

Torah: Annual	Deuteronomy 21:10 - 25:19
Triennial	Deuteronomy 24:14 - 25:19
Haftarah	Isaiah 54:1 - 55:5

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. **Please join us to hear the shofar each morning during the month of Elul. Visit www.bj.org/minyan.**

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BJ's Ner Tamid at the 88th Street Sanctuary is powered by the energy of the sun.

