

KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון
The Voice of BJ This Week

B'naiJeshurun
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**
- **Family Life & Learning**
- **Community Events**
- **Tzedek & Hesed / Justice & Acts of Loving-Kindness**
- **Israel Programming**
- **High Holy Days 5777**
- **Sukkot through Simḥat Torah**

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OUR COMMUNITY

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Lois Rooks and her entire family on the death of her sister, Eleanor Rooks.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Adi Leah Anker, her parents, Donna Santman and Daniel Anker z"l, and her sister, Eliza Anker, on Adi becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Leslie, Alan, and Jacob Pearson on the upcoming wedding of their daughter and sister, Emily Alexandra Pearson, to Dennis Estok.
- Jerry and Joyce Nadler on the upcoming wedding of their son, Michael Nadler, to Elissa Feins.
- Myra Derkatch on the birth of her grandson, Jack Hudson Rochelson.

TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

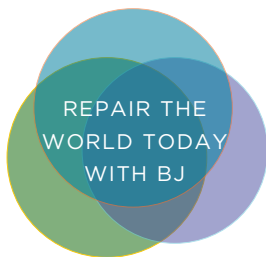
This week's Community Kiddush is supported by Donna Santman in honor of Adi Anker becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

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.

Shabbat Evening Services: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME!

Beginning **Friday, October 7**, Friday evening services will start at 6:30PM.



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 23

- ● **The Orchard: A Pre-Shabbat Gathering for 20s and 30s** 5:30 PM – 89th St. 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.
- **Pre-Services Family Gathering & Oneg** 6:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Connect with friends and meet new people, hear a Shabbat story, sing songs, and then head to services where families can sit together in one area. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- **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: 10/8, 22; 11/5, 19; 12/3, 17.
- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary
- Bat Mitzvah** Adi Anker
- D'var Torah** Professor Alice Shalvi
Alice Shalvi, professor and advocate for women's rights in Israel, was the founding chairwoman of the Israel Women's Network. She served as president of The Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, and as principal of Pelech, an experimental religious school for girls in Jerusalem.
- ● **Family Breakfast** 10:00 AM – 86th St. Parlor
Families are invited to enjoy bagels and coffee while children are engaged in play. Each week, we will learn a song as we are led into the main sanctuary for the Torah service.
- ● **Kulanu (formerly Junior Congregation)** 10:20 AM – 86th St. Social Hall
- ● **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor
- ● **Special Welcome and Welcome Back Community Kiddush** Following Services – 88th St. Sanctuary
Make your way to 88th Street after services for a special Community Kiddush to welcome our new members and each other to a new year at BJ.
- **Enter Yamim Nora'im Through the Gate of Selihot** 8:45 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
We will begin with Havdalah, followed by a panel discussion on "Jewish Identity in Our Time" with speakers April Baskin, Dr. Jay Michaelson, and Rabbi Irwin Kula and moderator Rabbi Carole Balin.
- **Coffee Break** 10:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
- **Selihot Service** 11:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Heshbon Hanefesh for BJ Members: Anti-Racism Trainings for White Jews** 11:00 AM – 89th St. Reception Room
This session is intended to provide a space for white Jews to identify how race and racism show up within our community, how it is internalized, and to explore how trauma, passed down, informs white Jews today. R.S.V.P. to lwohl@bj.org.
- **Heshbon Hanefesh for BJ Members: Anti-Racism Trainings for Jews of Color** 11:00 AM – 89th St. Middle Room
This session will open space for JOCs to discuss candidly the experience of race within our community and explore the ways in which a refusal to acknowledge the realities of race in America may impinge on what it means to be fully Jewish. R.S.V.P. to lwohl@bj.org.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

● **Seliḥot Prayers** 7:15 AM – 89th St. Chapel
Join us for seliḥot (penitential prayers) each morning for 15 minutes immediately preceding the minyan. We will join in reflection and introspection and sing special piyutim for the holy season leading up to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Through Tuesday, October 11 (excluding Shabbat and Rosh Hashanah).

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

● **Parents' Corner: Our Children, Our Selves—Heshbon Hanefesh for Parents** 5:00 PM – 89th St.
Join Rabbi Shuli Passow to discuss how our relationships with our children can teach us about ourselves.

● **Heshbon Hanefesh for BJ Members: Anti-Racism Trainings for White Jews** 6:30 PM – 89th St. Middle Room
See Sunday, September 25 for description.

● **A Night of Remembrance: A High Holy Days Program for the Bereaved** 6:30 PM – 89th St. 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.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

● **Seliḥot Prayers** 7:15 AM – 89th St. Chapel

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

● **Seliḥot Prayers** 7:15 AM – 89th St. Chapel

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

● **Seliḥot: Preparing the Soul for the Yamim Nora'im** 7:00 PM – 89th St. 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. Future session: 10/5.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

● **Seliḥot Prayers** 7:15 AM – 89th St. Chapel

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

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

● **Seliḥot Prayers** 7:15 AM – 89th St. Chapel

● **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

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...?”

becoming



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.

Politics as Unusual: A Time of Prayer for Our Nation

Wednesdays through November 2, 7:15PM, 86th Street Sanctuary: SPSA opens its doors to the community for this weekly interfaith prayer vigil with reflections from spiritual leaders and individual silent prayer, followed by conversation and snacks. Free and open to the public.

Tot Shabbat

Friday, October 7, 5:15-7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Families enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by dinner at 5:45PM in Frankel Hall complete with Shabbat blessings and songs. Register at www.bj.org/young-families.

Community Break-Fast

Wednesday, October 12, following the Ne'ilah service, location provided upon R.S.V.P.: Join us at a delicious community break fast, generously sponsored by Helena Diamant Glass in cherished memory of her beloved parents, Regina Landwirth Diamant and Karl Diamant. Free for BJ members, \$10 for non-members. Details and R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org/breakfast.

BJ Sukkah Building

Thursday, October 13, 5:30-9:30PM, 89th Street rooftop: Jump into the mitzvah of sukkah building the day after Yom Kippur! Come any time starting at 5:30PM and help bring the BJ sukkah to life. If necessary, we'll continue Saturday night, October 15, after Shabbat. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org/sukkah.

WHAT'S LATER

Bim Bam Sukkah Breakfast

Sunday, October 16, 9:30-10:30AM, 89th Street Sukkah: Families with children ages 5 and under are invited for a late breakfast in the BJ sukkah! Cost is \$18 per family. Register www.bj.org.

Hebrew Ulpan Course

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, November through early April, 7:00-9:00PM, 89th Street: This Hebrew course is designed to enable students to recognize the fundamental structure of Modern Hebrew and its basic forms, as well as to acquire the necessary vocabulary for everyday conversations, reading, and writing. Register at www.bj.org/ulpan.

AḤAT SHA-ALTI

Aḥat sha-alti me-et Adonai otah avakesh

Shivti beveit Adonai kol yemei hayai

Lahazot beno'am Adonai ul'vaker beheikhalo

אַחַת שְׁאַלְתִּי מֵאֵת-יְיָ אוֹתָהּ אֶבְקֶשׁ,

שִׁבְתִּי בְּבַיִת-יְיָ כָּל-יְמֵי חַיַּי.

לְחַזוֹת בְּנוֹעַם-יְיָ וּלְבַקֵּר בְּהִיכְלוֹ.

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

“Taste of Torah” is on vacation until after the holidays.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016-2017

www.bj.org/renew

Questions? Call Membership at 212-787-7600 x302

MEMBERSHIP AT BJ MEANS:

- **Finding** your spiritual home
- **Becoming** part of a vibrant, lively Jewish community
- **Supporting** the meaningful social justice and community-building work of this congregation
- **Receiving** guidance in times of joy and sadness from BJ rabbis and fellow members
- **Joining** an active Hesed (loving kindness) community to provide support in times of need
- **Nourishing** a lifelong relationship with Judaism through young families programs, Hebrew School, and youth/teen activities

In addition, BJ members:

- Receive entrance cards for High Holy Days services
- Get discounted rates for classes, dinners, retreats, and programs
- Participate in special new member events

TORAH PORTION

KI TAVO

Torah: Annual	Deuteronomy 26:1 - 29:8
Triennial	Deuteronomy 27:11 - 29:8
1:	27:11 - 28:3
2:	28:4 - 28:6
3:	28:7 - 28:11
4:	28:12 - 28:14
5:	28:15 - 28:69
6:	29:1 - 29:5
7:	29:6 - 29:8
Maftir:	29:6 - 29:8

Haftarah Isaiah 60:1 - 60:22

NEXT WEEK: NITZAVIM

Torah: Annual	Deuteronomy 29:9 - 30:20
Triennial	Deuteronomy 29:9 - 30:20
Haftarah	61:10 - 63:9

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.



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