

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

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Hannah Foster Schrader and Max Abraham Schrader, and their parents, Amy Blumberg Schrader and Jacob Schrader, on Hannah and Max becoming b'nai 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:

● Giving to Relieve Hunger

Tuesday, October 11-Wednesday, October 12, all Yom Kippur service locations: As a community, BJ addresses hunger on local and global levels by supporting the West Side Campaign Against Hunger and Mazon. We encourage your participation by either bringing a check for WSCAH to Kol Nidre services and/or sending a check to Mazon in one of the envelopes available at each Yom Kippur service location.

West Side Campaign Against Hunger, a local partner, is an innovative, customer-choice food pantry that combines access to healthy food with support services and job training to help stabilize clients and put them on a path to self-sufficiency. Last year they provided nearly 1.7 million pounds of food to 33,373 people.

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 30

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary
- **Bar Mitzvah** Max Schrader
- **Bat Mitzvah** Hannah Schrader
- ● **Family Breakfast** 10:00 AM – 86th St. Parlor
- ● **Kulanu (formerly Junior Congregation)** 10:20 AM – 86th St. Social Hall
- ● **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor
- ● **Community Kiddush** Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 | 1st EVENING ROSH HASHANAH

- **Selihot Prayers** 9:15 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **First Evening Services** 6:30 PM – 86th St., 88th St.
- ● **Tze'irim Rosh Hashanah Dinner** 8:00 PM – 89th St.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3 | 1st DAY & 2nd EVENING ROSH HASHANAH

BJ Office Closed

- **For the 1st and 2nd Days of Rosh Hashanah schedule of services at all locations, including Mindfulness, Children's, Family, and Kulanu (Junior Congregation) services, and Tashlikh, please see your entrance card or www.bj.org/hhd.**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4 | 2nd DAY ROSH HASHANAH

BJ Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5 | TZOM GEDALIAH

- **Selihot Prayers** 7:15 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- ● **Selihot: 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.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

- **Selihot 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, OCTOBER 7

- **Selihot 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

WHAT'S NEXT

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.

● ● Hazak: Torah Chanting for 3rd-6th Graders

Saturday, October 8, 9:30AM, 86th Street Social Hall: Join us for the opening session of Hazak, a space for 3rd-6th graders to learn how to chant Torah. We'll meet on the 2nd and 4th Shabbat mornings of each month.

● BJ Sukkah Building

Thursday, October 13, 5:30-9:30PM, 89th Street Roof: 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.

● 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.

● Beautify and Communitify: BJ Sukkah Decorating Party

Sunday, October 16, 10:30AM-1:30PM, 89th Street Sukkah: Beautify: to make beautiful. Communitify: to create a feeling of community. OK, we made up that word, but you get it. Make the BJ sukkah a beautiful expression of our community! New this year: Help create a community photo montage. Bring a picture of someone whose presence you want to invite into the sukkah. All ages. Details at www.bj.org/decorate.



Bring Sukkot home—order a lulav and etrog set imported from Israel.

Sets can be purchased at the following locations:

West Side Judaica • 2412 Broadway • 212-362-7846

By Special Arrangement • 243 West 60th Street • 212-595-0200

AHAT SHA-ALTI

Ahāt 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 אֲבַקֵּשׁ,

שִׁבְתִּי בְּבַיִת-יְיָ כָּל-יְמֵי חַיֵּי.

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

WHAT'S LATER

● **Sukkot Lunch and Learn**

Thursday, October 20, 12:30-1:30PM, 89th Street Sukkah: Join Rabbi Sarit Horwitz as we delve into texts that teach some of the deep meanings of Sukkot over lunch. Bring your own lunch, and have the opportunity to schmooze with others in the BJ sukkah. Email Sarit with questions at shorwitz@bj.org.

● **Yale Strom & Hot Pstromi Present Marc Chagall's Musical World**

Saturday, October 29, 8:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: \$10 for BJ members/students/seniors; \$18 non-members. Register at 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.

● **Mindfulness Class: Tikkun HaNefesh with Rabbis Rachel Cowan and Marcelo Bronstein**

Wednesdays, November 2, 9, 16, 30; December 7, 14, 21, 7:00-9:00PM, 89th Street Middle Room: Please register at www.bj.org.

● **The Impact of the Election Results on Israel's Security**

Thursday, December 1, 7:30-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Free for BJ members, suggested \$5 donation. Register at www.bj.org.



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

A TASTE OF TORAH: NITZAVIM

כִּי הַמְצוּחַ הַזֶּה, אֲשֶׁר אֶנְכִי מְצַוְךָ הַיּוֹם--לֹא-נִפְלְאֹת הוּא מִמֶּךָ, וְלֹא רְחֹקָה הוּא. לֹא בְּשָׁמַיִם, הוּא: לֵאמֹר, מִי יַעֲלֶה-לָנוּ הַשְּׁמַיְמָה וְיִקְחֶהָ לָנוּ, וְיִשְׁמַעֲנֵנוּ אֹתָהּ, וְנַעֲשֶׂנָה. וְלֹא-מֵעֵבֶר לַיָּם, הוּא: לֵאמֹר, מִי יַעֲבֹר-לָנוּ אֶל-עֵבֶר הַיָּם וְיִקְחֶהָ לָנוּ, וְיִשְׁמַעֲנֵנוּ אֹתָהּ, וְנַעֲשֶׂנָה: כִּי-קָרוֹב אֵלֶיךָ הַדְּבָר, מְאֹד: בְּפִיךָ וּבִלְבָבְךָ, לַעֲשׂוֹתוֹ.

This commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who should go up for us to heaven, and bring it to us, and allow us to hear it, that we can do it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who should over the sea for us, and bring it to us, and make us to hear it, that we may do it?" But the word is very close to you, in your mouth, and in your heart, that you can do it.

—Deuteronomy 30:11-14

In your mouth and in your heart, that you can do it. You do not fulfill your obligation by that which is in your mouth and in your heart. That which is in your mouth and your heart is for you to do.

—R' Menahem Mendel of Kotzk

We reach Parshat Nitzavim before Rosh Hashanah, and this passage always feels like the right kavannah to remember as I go into the davening of the Yamim Nora'im. Many of us take stock of our relationships to others this time of year, but also our relationship to Judaism and our relationship with God. First, Nitzavim is a reminder that as long we're looking, Torah and God can be close to us. If we think it's in the heavens or beyond the sea, we will assume it's not right in front of our eyes. We won't see what might possibly be right in front of us. Second, over the Yamim Nora'im we will utter many words. We will read through our mahzorim and pound our chests and chant poignant Torah readings. Yet in this Shabbat's Torah reading, just before Rosh Hashanah, we are reminded that the words are meant to be placed in our mouths and hearts in order to instill action. The words of teshuvah (repentance) are important, but the actions speak much louder. The davening of the Yamim Nora'im must be a catalyst then; they aren't what will make the change in our lives themselves. This Yamim Nora'im, let's make our words count. Let's place them in our mouths and in our hearts in order to remind ourselves what it is we can do in this coming year together. Wishing you all a Shanah Tovah u'Metukah.

— Rabbi Sarit Horwitz

TORAH PORTION

NITZAVIM

Torah: Annual	Deuteronomy 29:9 - 30:20
Triennial	Deuteronomy 29:9 - 30:20
1:	29:9 - 29:11
2:	29:12 - 29:14
3:	29:15 - 29:28
4:	30:1 - 30:6
5:	30:7 - 30:10
6:	30:11 - 30:14
7:	30:15 - 30:20
Maftir:	30:15 - 30:20
Haftarah	Isaiah 61:10 - 63:9

NEXT WEEK: VAYELEKH

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Torah	Deuteronomy 31:1 - 31:30
Haftarah	Hosea 14:2 - 14:10, Micah 7:18 - 7:20

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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