

KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון

The Voice of BJ This Week

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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**
- **Purim Events & Services**

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OUR COMMUNITY

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Juliette Elias, and we extend our sincere condolences to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and loved ones.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Alan and Robbie Franklin, their son, Ian Franklin, and their entire family on the death of Alan's mother, Hannah Franklin.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Ariana Cooper Berry and Eric Berry, Liz and Jay Cooper, and Katelyn and Michael Cooper, on the naming of their daughter, granddaughter, and niece, Maisie Ava Berry.
- Yoav G. Rosenthal, his parents, Ricky Goldwasser and Eran Rosenthal, and his sisters, Ella and Mika Rosenthal, on Yoav becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Anabella Troconis and Nicolas Alfredo Kogan on their upcoming wedding.
- Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein, on receiving an honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary.
- Jonathan Lopatin on being honored by Mechon Hadar at their 10 Year Celebration.

TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Ricky Goldwasser and Eran Rosenthal in honor of Yoav Rosenthal becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and is supported by the family of Liz and Jay Cooper and the family of Ariana and Eric Berry, in honor of the naming of Ariana and Eric's daughter, Maisie Ava Berry.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Andy Tassara and Jewish leaders, NOAM, Chile.
- **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 the warm, transformative, open place that it is.



WHAT YOU CAN DO:

● Action Alert List Sign-Up

In this fast-paced and uncertain environment, our Action Alert List will be the primary way we communicate about community rallies, events, and other calls to action with short lead times. Sign up at www.bj.org/action.

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! Visit www.bj.org/retreats for more information:

WOMEN'S RETREAT, May 19-21

PRAYER RETREAT, March 19-22

YOUNG FAMILIES RETREAT, April 28-30

"ISRAEL CELEBRATES 70" COMMUNITY TRIP TO ISRAEL, Dec. 25, 2017-Jan. 3, 2018

Save the Date: Shabbat with Scholar-In-Residence Bradley Artson

Friday, March 31-Saturday, April 1: Join us for a weekend with Bradley Artson, Vice-President of the American Jewish University in Los Angeles and Dean of its Ziegler School of Rabbinical Studies. Artson is the author of *Renewing the Process of Creation: A Jewish Integration of Science and Spirit*.

THIS WEEK AT BJ

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Teen Trip to the Dominican Republic (through Feb. 26)

● **Ongoing: JIBC Salons and Insights Online Forum (Members Only)**

Join the conversation on Jewish identity and intermarriage. More at www.bj.org/identity.

● **Teen Volunteers Needed at the BJ Celebrate Community Auction on March 1**

Sign up at www.bj.org/auctionvolunteer.

● ● **BJ Families Helping Refugee Families: Last Week of Donation Drive**

All day – through Tuesday, 2/28
Help refugee parents by donating new diapers and wipes, gift cards, gently used strollers, and Pack 'n Plays. Contact Susan Gesundheit at suszky@gmail.com for more info.

● **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

● ● **Hazak: Torah Chanting for 3rd-6th Graders** 9:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall

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

Naming **Maisie Ava Berry**

Aliyat Hatan veKallah **Nicolas Alfredo Kogan and Anabella Troconis**

● ● **D'var Torah: "All of Us Are Guarantors: The Significance of Interest-Free Lending"** Rabbi David Rosenn, Executive Director, Hebrew Free Loan Society

The social, theological, and philanthropic meaning of interest-free lending. Rabbi Rosenn will also speak following kiddush in the the 86th St. Chapel.

● ● **Family Breakfast** 10:00 AM – 86th St. Parlor

● ● **Kulanu (3rd-6th Grades)** 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

● ● **Economic Inequality in the Present American Landscape: A Jewish Response, with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller** 5:00 PM – 89th St. Chapel

We will discuss the possibility of embracing an ethic of dayenu (enough) that is the core of a sufficiency economy.

● **Minḥa Service** 5:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah **Yoav Rosenthal**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 | ROSH HODESH ADAR

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

● **Men's Havurah Discussion Group** 10:30 AM – 89th St. Middle Room and 88th St. Frankel Hall

A continuation of our discussion on Jewish identity and intermarriage. We will start with brunch in the 89th Street Middle Room, celebrating Rosh Hodesh with other BJ members before beginning our discussion in Frankel Hall at 11:00AM. R.S.V.P. to Lee at lee.rimsky@gmail.com.

● **Tze'irim Shelter Cooking** 11:00 AM – 88th St. Kitchen

Join other 20s/30s as we make dinner for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. Suggested donation to help cover costs (\$8-10); no cooking experience necessary. R.S.V.P. to Sarit at shorwitz@bj.org.

● **The Israeli Book Club Discusses *Khirbet Khizeh* by S. Yizhar** 5:00 PM – location given with R.S.V.P.

Published just months after the founding of the state of Israel, *Khirbet Khizeh* was an immediate sensation and has continued to challenge and disturb. Register at www.bj.org/khirbetkhizeh.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 | ROSH HODESH ADAR

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **“From the Bible” with Rabbi Hillel Friedman** 9:00 AM – 89th St. Middle Room
- **“Soul Food” Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Felicia Sol** 12:30 PM – 89th St. Middle Room

Bring a bag lunch, open up your soul to the nourishment and challenge of Hassidic rabbis, and imagine old world wisdom for everyday life. Upcoming classes: 3/7, 14, 21; 28; 4/4. Register at www.bj.org.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Celebrate Community Auction** 6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary



Auction to Action: The difference is **U**

The Celebrate Community Auction is tonight, and you won't want to miss it! All auction proceeds provide essential resources for BJ's diverse programming, from fighting for the rights of refugees to feeding and sheltering those in need. Get ready for the biggest party of the year and support BJ's important initiatives. Buy your entrance tickets now at www.bj.org/tickets. \$36 online/\$50 at the door.

- **Introduction to Judaism Class** No class this week

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **“In the Mirror” Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Roly Matalon** 12:30 PM – Location given upon registration
Class is full; contact Beth at btarson@bj.org to be added to the waiting list.
- **Making Sense of Israeli Politics: A Guide For the Perplexed** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Middle Room

In this 8-session course taught by BJ member Prof. Bryan Daves, we explore the ideological and institutional foundations of the Israeli political system and some of the key issues in Israeli politics. Register at www.bj.org/politics.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

- **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

- **BJ's Stories of Freedom**
Submissions due by Friday, March 31: During the 49 days of the Omer that carry us from Redemption to Revelation, we will be sharing refugee and immigrant stories from those within the BJ community. Stand with all who are still awaiting freedom and share your story at www.bj.org/kavannot.
- **Bo-i Kallah: A Monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service**
Friday, March 3, 6:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Join Rabbi Roly Matalon and Dan Nadel for an alternative Kabbalat Shabbat. With soulful melodies, verses of Shir haShirim (Song of Songs), liturgical poems, and Psalms, we will transition gently and with full kavannah, leaving workweek anxieties behind, welcoming Shabbat.
- **Fourth Grade B'nai Mitzvah Journey: Opening Ritual**
Saturday, March 4, 4:30-7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary and Frankel Hall: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol for this extraordinary event that brings together all 4th grade students and families as they begin their journey toward becoming b'nai mitzvah.

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 3*

● **Helen Radin Memorial Zayin Adar Teaching: The Liturgy of Loss**

Saturday, March 4, 5:30PM, 89th Street: Rabbi Jan Uhrbach will lead us in a study and discussion of the way that liturgy can help us through loss, from the prayers recited at a tahara, to the new prayerbook's innovations around mourning and yizkor.

● **Fifth Grade B'nai Mitzvah Sleepover**

Saturday, March 4, 6:45PM, 89th Street: What does it mean to become a B'nai Mitzvah? Why is it important? Fifth grade students will explore the themes of B'nai Mitzvah and discover which mitzvot are especially important to us. Afterwards, we'll enjoy games, a movie, and a sleepover. To sign up, email awasser@bj.org.

● **A New Agenda For Israel**

Sunday, March 5, 5:00-6:30PM, 89th Street: Professor Danny Gutwein will discuss the quest for social justice, the negative effects of economic inequality on Israel's social structure and political system, and potential methods of remedying these issues. Register at www.bj.org/gutwein.

● **Economic Justice Hevra Meeting**

Monday, March 6, 6:30-8:30PM, 89th Street: Help BJ support the Justice for Farmworkers Campaign so that laborers who produce the food on which we depend can have the dignity and equality they deserve. For questions and to R.S.V.P., contact Lisa at lisagzucker@gmail.com.

● **Refugee Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, March 7, 6:30-8:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Through a partnership with HIAS and other organizations, we are educating our community about the refugee crisis and developing opportunities to volunteer, advocate, and raise our Jewish voice. R.S.V.P. to cheiten8644@gmail.com.

● **Jewish Identity, Belonging, and Community: Shalom Hartman Lecture with Yedidah Koren**

Wednesday, March 8, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us for the next installment of the Shalom Hartman lecture series: "Jews and Judaism: What Determines Communal Norms?" presented by Doctoral Research Fellow Yedidah Koren. Register at www.bj.org/hartmanlectures.

Jewish Identity, Belonging, and Community
in the 21st Century

● **Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

Friday, March 10, 6:30PM, 89th Street Gym: Led by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Rabbinic Fellow Arielle Rosenberg, this service involves meditation, reflection, deep listening, and personal engagement with the parashah. Contact Beth at btarson@bj.org with any questions.

● **Family Purim Shabbat Dinner**

Friday, March 10, 5:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us for a Purim-themed Shabbat dinner! We will begin with Kabbalat Shabbat in the sanctuary, then head down to Frankel Hall after Lecha Dodi (around 7:15 PM). Children are encouraged to wear their Purim costumes. Contact awasser@bj.org to register.

● **Family Purim Celebration**

Saturday, March 11, 5:45-6:45PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Children ages six and under are encouraged to come in costume and experience a kid-friendly version of the megillah, watch a silly spiel by the BJ staff and rabbis, join our costume parade, and more. This event is free. Register at www.bj.org/kidspurim.

● **Community Megillah Reading and Purim Celebration**

Saturday, March 11, 7:15PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us for an evening service (arvit) and havdalah followed by a lively Megillah reading for the whole community. Stick around afterwards for our Purim party and dance the night away while enjoying snacks, drinks, and our DJ's awesome playlist.

● **Teen Day of Service: Purim Carnival**

Sunday, March 12, 12:00-3:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Teens will run booths and activities while enjoying mishloah manot and other festivities. Sign up to volunteer at www.bj.org/purimvolunteer.

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 4*

● Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 12, 12:30-2:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Celebrate Purim with the entire BJ community! Enjoy games, crafts, and an amazing bounce house. Get your mishloah manot and observe the mitzvah of matanot l'evyonim by donating to a selection of worthy causes. \$5 per family for members. \$10 per family for non-members.

● Leading on Campus (for High School Juniors & Seniors)

Tuesday, March 14, 5:00-7:00PM, Congregation Rodeph Shalom (7 West 83rd Street): In partnership with Congregation Rodeph Shalom and The Jewish Education Project, an exciting program that exposes students to Jewish engagement opportunities on college campuses and the Israel-related challenges they may encounter. Register by March 1 at www.bj.org/leadingoncampus.

● Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein's Webinar Follow-Up to March 8 Shalom Hartman Lecture

Wednesday, March 15, 12:00 noon, online: A live, interactive webinar to explore and unfold the ideas raised in Yedidah Kurtzer's lecture. Tune in at www.bj.org/webinar.

WHAT'S LATER

● Let My People Sing!

Friday, March 17-Saturday, March 18, 5:00-10:30PM on Friday, 9:30AM-10:00PM on Saturday, 89th Street: Registration before 3/1: \$72 for BJ members, \$90 for non-members, \$36 for kids. More info at www.bj.org/sing.

● Breaking Down the Barriers of Mistrust

Saturday, March 18, 5:00-6:30PM, 89th Street: A discussion with Hand in Hand activists Mohamad Marzouk and Noa Yammer.

● Shishi Israeli

Friday, March 24, 6:00-9:00PM, 89th Street: Register at www.bj.org/shishi.

● Women's Retreat 2017

Friday, May 19-Sunday, May 21, Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center: Spend a weekend surrounded by the voices of women, partaking in beautiful services, and connecting with Rabbi Felicia Sol and Chen Ben-Or Tsfoni. For info, contact Billie at bdistefano@bj.org or x264. Register early for a discount!

TORAH PORTION

MISHPATIM

SHABBAT SHEKALIM

Torah: Annual Exodus 21:1 - 24:18

Triennial Exodus 21:1 - 30:16

1:	21:1 - 21:6
2:	21:7 - 21:11
3:	21:12 - 21:19
4:	21:20 - 21:27
5:	21:28 - 21:32
6:	21:33 - 21:36
7:	21:37 - 22:3
Maftir:	30:11 - 30:16

Haftarah II Kings 12:1 - 12:17,
I Samuel 20:18, 42

NEXT WEEK: TERUMAH

Torah: Annual Exodus 25:1 - 27:19

Triennial Exodus 25:1 - 25:40

Haftarah I Kings 5:26 - 6:13

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

