

KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון

The Voice of BJ This Week

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March 10-17, 2017 • 12-19 Adar, 5777

**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**

 **Pesach Events & Services**

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# OUR COMMUNITY

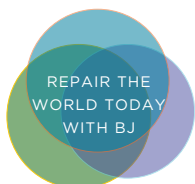
## MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Emily, Adam, Asher, Richard, and Rae Janvey, on the birth of their daughter, sister, and granddaughter, Nessa Cooper Janvey.

## 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 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](http://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](http://www.bj.org/compost).

SAVE THE DATES! Visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) for more information:

LECTURE WITH AVIVAH ZORNBERG, Sunday May 21, 7:00PM

YOUNG FAMILIES RETREAT, April 28-30

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

6TH GRADE B'NAI MITZVAH SPRING RETREAT, April 28-30



#### ● BJ Talks

**Wednesday, March 15, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Members only.** BJ Talks is a unique opportunity to hear from six of your fellow BJ

members with divergent viewpoints about Jewish identity and intermarriage, presented in a TED Talks-style format. Our

exceptional speakers are: **Meredith Berkman, Carole Balin, Todd Chanko, Kay Gardiner, Saul Nathan-Kazis, and Jack Stern.** Following the presentations, attendees will be invited to engage in small roundtable discussions. BJ members who have not received their invitation should email [JIBC@bj.org](mailto:JIBC@bj.org).

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



#### ● 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](http://www.bj.org/kavannot).

# THIS WEEK AT BJ

## FRIDAY, MARCH 10

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

Join the conversation on Jewish identity and intermarriage. More at [www.bj.org/identity](http://www.bj.org/identity).

### ● **Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:30 PM – 89th St. 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](mailto:btarson@bj.org) with any questions.

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

### ● **Family Purim Shabbat Dinner** 6:30 PM – 88th St. 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 Lekha Dodi (around 7:15 PM). Children are encouraged to wear their Purim costumes. Contact [awasser@bj.org](mailto:awasser@bj.org) to register.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 11 | EREV PURIM

### ● **Soulful Start: Shira Yoga: An Integrated Practice for Body and Soul** No meeting this week

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

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

#### **Naming**

**Nessa Cooper Janvey**

#### **D'var Torah**

Dr. Arnold Eisen,  
Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary

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

### ● **Kulanu Kids (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

### ● **Family Purim Celebration** 5:45 PM – 88th St. 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](http://www.bj.org/kidspurim).

### **Community Megillah Reading and Purim Celebration** 7:15 PM – 88th St. 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. No registration required.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 12 | PURIM

*Daylight Saving Time begins (turn clocks forward 1 hour)*

### **Purim Morning Services with Megillah Reading** 9:30 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

### ● **Purim Spiel** 12:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary

### **Teen Day of Service: Purim Carnival** 12:00 noon – 88th St. Sanctuary

Teens will run booths and activities while enjoying mishloah manot and other festivities. Sign up to volunteer at [www.bj.org/purimvolunteer](http://www.bj.org/purimvolunteer).

### **Communal Seudah** 12:30 PM – 89th St.

Join us for a festive Purim meal. \$15 per adult, \$10 per child (10 years and under). Register at [www.bj.org/seudah](http://www.bj.org/seudah).

### ● **Purim Carnival** 12:30 PM – 88th St. 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. Register at [www.bj.org/purimcarnival](http://www.bj.org/purimcarnival).

## MONDAY, MARCH 13

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Parents' Corner** 5:00 PM – 89th St. 4th Floor Conference Room
- **Tze'irim Refugee Support Meeting** 7:00-9:00 PM – 89th St.  
Join Tze'irim and other young professionals to discuss how we as young people can help support refugees and immigrants. Wine and mingling to follow group discussion. R.S.V.P. at [www.bj.org/supportrefugees](http://www.bj.org/supportrefugees).

## TUESDAY, MARCH 14

- **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: 3/21, 28; 4/4. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).
- **Leading on Campus (for High School Juniors & Seniors)** 5:00 PM – Congregation Rodeph Shalom, 7 West 83rd St.  
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](http://www.bj.org/leadingoncampus).

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein's Webinar Follow-Up to March 8 Shalom Hartman Lecture** 12:00 noon – online  
A live, interactive webinar to explore and unfold the ideas raised in Yedidah Koren's lecture. Tune in at [www.bj.org/webinar](http://www.bj.org/webinar).
- **JIBC: BJ Talks (Members Only)** 7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary  
See box on page 1 for more information.
- **Introduction to Judaism Class (registration closed)** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Room 408

## THURSDAY, MARCH 16

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel
- **"In the Mirror" Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Roly Matalon (last class)** 12:30 PM – Location given upon registration
- **Making Sense of Israeli Politics: A Guide For the Perplexed (last class)** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Middle Room

## FRIDAY, MARCH 17

- **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

### ● Let My People Sing!

**Friday, March 17-Saturday, March 18**, 5:00-10:30PM on Friday, 9:30AM-10:00PM on Saturday, 89th Street: BJ is honored to co-host the next retreat for Let My People Sing!, an organization that promotes Jewish music by offering events featuring Shabbat services, song sharing and teaching sessions, and community sings. Open to lovers of Jewish song both new and old. More info at [www.bj.org/sing](http://www.bj.org/sing).

## WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 3*

### ● **Siah: A Monthly Minyan for Learners and Seekers**

**Third Saturday of the month (next service March 18)**, 9:30AM-12:00 noon, 89th Street Chapel: Led by Rabbinic Fellow Arielle Rosenberg, this intimate, conversation-based service is geared towards those who are exploring Jewish prayer for the first time or who hope to build confidence in their Hebrew language and prayer skills.

### ● **Breaking Down the Barriers of Mistrust**

**Saturday, March 18**, 5:00-6:30PM, 89th Street: How can Israel's Arabs and Jews break down the barriers of mistrust between them? Hand in Hand activists Mohamad Marzouk and Noa Yammer will explore the dilemmas and successes that come with building a shared future for Jews and Arabs in Israel.

### ● **Members Breakfast with Assistant Rabbi Candidate Arielle Rosenberg**

**Sunday, March 19**, 10:30 AM-11:30 AM, 89th Street: See Arielle lead Morning Minyan at 9:30AM. Following Minyan, Arielle will join us for breakfast. Members should have received an email containing the event registration link; however, if you did not receive this email, please contact Lisa Shillan at lshillan@bj.org.

### ● **Bystander Intervention Training**

**Sunday, March 19**, 10:30AM-2:00PM, 89th Street: What do you do when you witness racial, ethnic, or other forms of harassment? At this training, learn tools to help defuse volatile situations. Facilitated by Rachel Levy, trained by the Center for Anti-Violence Education. Spots limited for each session. Register at [www.bj.org/bystander](http://www.bj.org/bystander).

### ● **Shishi Israeli**

**Friday, March 24**, 6:00-9:00PM, 89th Street: This is a special opportunity for Israeli and American Jews to create a shared experience around the dinner table. Join Rabbi Matalon for a Hebrew Shabbat service, followed by a delicious dinner, activities for children, and a sing-along. Register at [www.bj.org/shishi](http://www.bj.org/shishi).

### ● ● **A Celebration Honoring BJ Volunteers**

**Saturday, March 25**, during Shabbat morning services and at the Community Kiddush: Every year, hundreds of individuals give of themselves to make BJ a sacred, spiritual home for so many. Come honor and be honored as we celebrate the dedicated volunteers whose contributions build our community. Learn more at [www.bj.org/honor](http://www.bj.org/honor).

### ● **A Visit to Queens Baptist Church**

**Sunday, March 26**, services begin at 10:00AM, Queens Baptist Church (93-23 217th Street, Queens Village): Martin Luther King, Jr. Day guest preacher Pastor Brian Ellis-Gibbs invites us to join his congregation for worship. More transit information TBA for those who wish to travel to the church with BJ. Register at [www.bj.org/churchvisit](http://www.bj.org/churchvisit).

### ● **Hate Has No Home Here**

**Monday, March 27**, 7:00PM, 89th Street Middle Room: We stand in solidarity with non-citizens and other targeted members of our community. Join a meeting to plan and organize the distribution of multi-language "Hate Has No Home Here" signs to local shops, schools, and offices. R.S.V.P. to Nora at [ngaines@bankstreet.edu](mailto:ngaines@bankstreet.edu).

### ● **Bikkur Holim Gathering: Sacred Listening**

**Tuesday, March 28**, 6:30PM, 89th Street: Led by Rabbi Shuli Passow, we will learn how to be present as a visitor, and also how to listen for what's really going on underneath. Light snacks will be provided. Contact Billie at [bdistefano@bj.org](mailto:bdistefano@bj.org).

### ● **From the Law Books to the Battlefield: A Conversation with Gadi Ezra**

**Tuesday, March 28**, 7:00-8:30PM, location given with R.S.V.P.: Join lawyer and former soldier Gadi Ezra as he examines the dilemmas that today's soldiers face, including the complexities of abiding by the laws of warfare during actual combat.

### ● **Painful Hope: A Different Approach To Solving the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**

**Thursday, March 30**, 7:00-8:30PM, 89th Street: Join two peace activists—one an Israeli settler, the other a Christian Palestinian—as they share their intertwining stories and their hopes of establishing lasting peace in the land they both call home. Register at [www.bj.org/painfulhope](http://www.bj.org/painfulhope).

## WHAT'S LATER

- **Shabbat with Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson**  
*Friday, March 31-Saturday, April 1*, 8:00-9:30PM Friday; during Shabbat morning services and 5:00-6:30PM Saturday, 88th and 89th Street: Join us in welcoming Rabbi Brad Artson, Vice-President of the American Jewish University in Los Angeles and Dean of its Ziegler School of Rabbinical Studies. Artson will speak during our community Shabbat dinner on Friday, deliver the D'var Torah during Saturday morning services, and present a lecture on Judaism in the changing world on Saturday afternoon. Programming sponsored by Stephen Stulman. Questions? Contact [bdistefano@bj.org](mailto:bdistefano@bj.org).
- **Israeli Wine Tasting for Couples and Parents (Babysitting Service Provided)**  
*Saturday, April 1*, 5:30-6:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Register at [www.bj.org/winetasting](http://www.bj.org/winetasting).
- **Members Breakfast with Assistant Rabbi Candidate Bryan Wexler**  
*Sundays, April 2*, 10:30 AM-11:30 AM, 89th Street: See Bryan lead Morning Minyan at 9:30 AM. Following Minyan, Bryan will join us for breakfast. Members should have received an email containing the event registration link; however, if you did not receive this email, please contact Lisa Shillan at [lshillan@bj.org](mailto:lshillan@bj.org).
- **The Israeli Book Club Discusses *The Lover* by A.B. Yehoshua**  
*Sunday, April 2*, 5:30-6:30PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.: In the aftermath of the Yom Kippur War, Adam, a middle-aged Israeli with a wife and daughter, searches for his wife's lover amidst the chaos of battle.
- **Continuing Our Racial Justice Work: A Seder on Privilege, Power, and Race**  
*Sunday, April 2*, afternoon time TBD, 88th Street Sanctuary: More information and registration at [www.bj.org/justiceseder](http://www.bj.org/justiceseder).
-  **Community Second Night Pesah Seder**  
*Tuesday, April 11*, 6:30-10:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein leads his final annual Community Second Night Pesah Seder. This year we will explore the themes of liberation and human dignity through the lens of gender, focusing on the struggle for women's equality. \$55/adult, \$25/child. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) or contact Billie at [bdistefano@bj.org](mailto:bdistefano@bj.org).
- **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 more info, contact Billie at [bdistefano@bj.org](mailto:bdistefano@bj.org) or x264. Register early for a discount!

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## TORAH PORTION

### TETZAVEH

#### SHABBAT ZAKHOR

**Torah: Annual** Exodus 27:20 - 30:10

**Triennial** Exodus 27:20 - 28:30

1: 27:20 - 28:5

2: 28:6 - 28:9

3: 28:10 - 28:12

4: 28:13 - 28:17

5: 28:18 - 28:21

6: 28:22 - 28:25

7: 28:26 - 28:30

Maftir: Deuteronomy 25:17 - 25:19

**Haftarah** I Samuel 15:1 - 15:34

### NEXT WEEK: KI TISSA

#### SHABBAT PARAH

**Torah: Annual** Exodus 30:11 - 34:45

**Triennial** Exodus 30:11 - 31:17

**Haftarah** Ezekiel 36:16 - 36:38

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](http://www.bj.org/minyan)**.

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