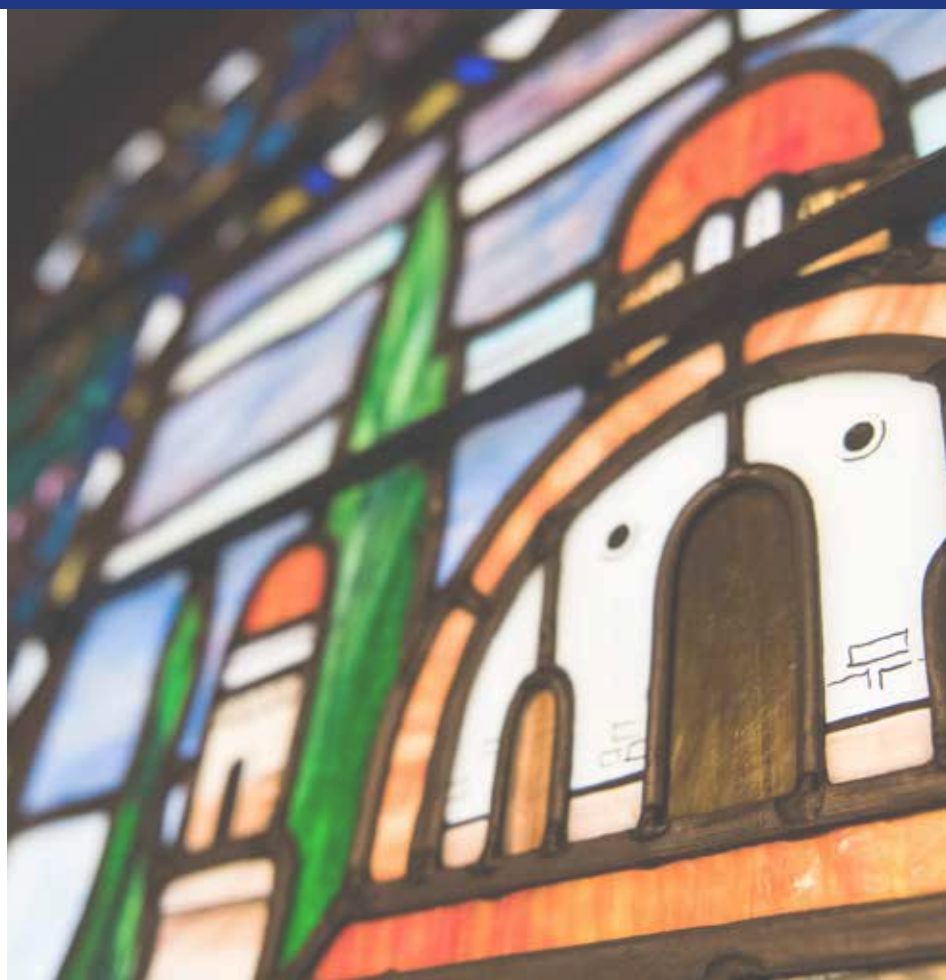


KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון
The Voice of BJ This Week

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April 21-28, 2017 • 25 Nisan-2 Iyar, 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**

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OUR COMMUNITY

HA-MAKOM YENAHM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to the following members and their families:

- Enid Lotstein, and her daughter, Alexa Ringer, on the death of Enid's father, Herman Lotstein.
- Samantha and Marc Berman, their daughters, Allison and Heather Berman, and Samantha's mother, Eloise Fallerder, on the death of Samantha's aunt, Toby Fallerder.
- Michael Feinberg on the death of his aunt, Seena Molinoff.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Charlie Ian Landman, his parents, Lindsay and Mark Landman, and his brother, Max Landman, on Charlie becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- David and Estare Weiser on their 50th wedding anniversary.

TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is supported by David and Estare Weiser in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

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.

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 for more information:

ANNUAL MEETING, Thursday, June 15, 7:00PM

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

● Like Hearing the Grass Grow: Guilt, Atonement, and Intimacy with Avivah Zornberg

Sunday, May 21, 7:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join Avivah Zornberg as she explores the evolution of Moses' (and the Jewish people's) relationship with God through the themes of sin, atonement, and sacrifice. Zornberg's lecture will center upon two events in the Torah, namely the creation of the Golden Calf and the construction of the Mishkan (Tabernacle). Moderated by Seth Aronson, Psy.D. Co-sponsored by The William Alanson White Institute.

Admission: \$30 /\$35 at the door; BJ and White Society members \$25/30; Students \$15/\$20.

Register at www.bj.org/zornberg. For more information, email Afoue Ellison at a.ellison@wawwhite.org.

THIS WEEK AT BJ

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

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

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

● ● Hitoreri, Hitoreri: Teen-Only Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Dinner

7:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

Join us for our monthly teen-only Kabbalat Shabbat service, led by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and filled with singing, kavannot, and mindfulness practice. Shabbat dinner to follow. Register for dinner at www.bj.org/hitoreri.

● Kabbalat Shabbat Service

7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 11 (Netzah Shebegevurah)

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

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

9:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall

● Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah

Charlie Landman

● ● 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

● ● Teen Day of Service: Midnight Run

8:00 PM-12:00 midnight – 89th St. and locations around the Upper West Side

Calling all BJ teens! Spend a night providing food, clothing, blankets, and other necessities to those in need with Midnight Run, an NYC volunteer organization dedicated to finding common ground between the housed and the homeless. Register at www.bj.org/midnightrun.

● Pete Seeger and Friends Guitar Sing-Along

8:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

Join Yozma (BJ's 35-55 social group) for an evening of guitar-playing and singing, featuring songs by Pete Seeger and friends and led by BJ member Craig Rosenberg and fellow musicians. Singles, couples, and families of all ages are welcome.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 12 (Hod Shebegevurah)

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

● Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary

● Moving Traditions

2:00 PM – 89th St. Middle Room

● Zikaron BaSalon: Commemorating the Holocaust

4:45 PM – locations across the city, given upon R.S.V.P.

An annual program that takes place on Yom HaShoah to reflect upon the Holocaust among friends and community. Join a Salon near you (registration info to come).

● Yom HaShoah Commemoration

7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary.

Once again, we come together to commemorate Yom HaShoah, when the BJ community is invited to participate in The Reading and Hearing of the Names of those killed. The all-night vigil will begin at 10:00PM at West End Synagogue (190 Amsterdam Avenue), where the BJ reading slot will be from 11:30PM to midnight.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 13 (Yesod Shebegevurah)

MONDAY, APRIL 24 | YOM HASHOAH

● Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary

● Story of Survival: A Conversation with Holocaust Survivor Irving Roth

4:45 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

Mr. Roth is an internationally known educator who will be speaking with our us about his experiences during the Shoah. Open to all. Register at www.bj.org/irvingroth.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 14 (Malkhut Shebegevurah)

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **“From the Bible” with Rabbi Hillel Friedman** 9:00 AM – 89th St. Middle Room
- **Food and the City: A Discussion with Author Ina Yalof** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Reception Room
Join Connections and Ina Yalof for a discussion of her book, *Food and the City*, a fascinating oral history from New Yorkers who embody NYC’s culinary heart and soul. Register at www.bj.org/food.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 15 (Hesed Shebetiferet)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 | ROSH HODESH IYAR

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **JIBC: Fireside Chat with the Rabbis** 7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
Hear your rabbis’ personal testimonies about how they wrestle with the contemporary meaning of Jewish identity and belonging, particularly as it pertains to intermarriage. This event is for BJ members only. To register, contact Lisa at lshillan@bj.org.
- **Introduction to Judaism Class (registration closed)** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Room 408

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 16 (Gevurah Shebetiferet)

THURSDAY, APRIL 27 | ROSH HODESH IYAR

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **BJ Ushers and Greeters Meeting** 7:00 PM – 89th St.
Help us create a warm and welcoming space at BJ! This meeting will serve as a brief training session for current ushers and greeters, as well as those who may be interested in joining our team.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 17 (Tiferet Shebetiferet)

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Young Families Retreat (through 4/30) • Sixth Grade B’nai Mitzvah Retreat (through 4/30)

- **Shabbat-Friendly Bus to D.C. People’s Climate March** Departure time and pick-up location TBD
Organized by The Jewish Hub. The bus will pick up in Brooklyn and Manhattan and will arrive in Washington, D.C. before Shabbat. Return bus on Sunday morning. Register at www.bj.org/climatemarch.
- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **Bim Bam** 9:15 and 10:15 AM – 89th St. Middle Room
- **Bim Bam: Hebrew Immersion** 11:15 AM – 89th St. Middle Room

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 18 (Netzah Shebetiferet)

WHAT’S NEXT

- **BJ Stories of Freedom**
Through Tuesday, May 30: Throughout the Omer, we will be featuring stories of refugees and immigrants from within the BJ community. Read our selection of heartfelt and courageous testimonies at www.bj.org/freedom.
- **Celebrate Israel: Ella’s Trip to Israel, an Interactive Children’s Performance**
Sunday, April 30, 11:30AM-12:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Celebrate Yom Ha’atzmaut with your family at this musical performance based on the popular children’s book, *Ella’s Trip to Israel*, by Vivian Newman. \$5 per person, walk-ins welcome. Register at www.bj.org/ella.

WHAT'S NEXT

● Israeli Folk Dancing for Yom Ha'atzmaut

Sunday, April 30, 2:00-6:00PM, 89th Street Gym: Celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut with the best of Israeli folk dances, featuring a mix of circle, line, and partner-based routines. \$5 entrance fee. Register at www.bj.org/dance.

● Israeli Settlements: A Conversation With Israeli Consul General Dani Dayan

Sunday, April 30, 3:00-4:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Fifty years after the 1967 war, 400,000 Israelis now settle the West Bank. Many consider settlements an impediment to peace, while others as a fulfillment of the Zionist vision. Join Israeli Consul General and former head of the Yesha Council, Mr. Dani Dayan, for a special presentation on the impact of the settlements on Israel's society and future.

● HEROES: The Untold Stories Of The Jewish-Ethiopian Aliyah

Sunday, April 30, 5:00-6:15PM, 89th Street: Join us for a screening of the documentary film, HEROES, which explores the experiences of those involved in the Jewish-Ethiopian aliyah to Israel. After the screening, there will be a Q&A featuring co-director Avishai Mekonen and activists who were directly involved in the aliyah efforts. Register at www.bj.org/heroes.

● Fifty Years Since 1967: An Evening of Ceremony and Reflection

Monday, May 1, 7:00-9:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: This year's Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut ceremony will focus on the 50th anniversary of the Six-Day War. After the ceremony, we will continue to explore the war's impact through breakout sessions with Resetting The Table and other partner organizations.

● Hate Has No Home Here

Tuesday, May 2, 6:30PM, 89th Street 4th Floor: Join this multi-congregation effort as we distribute multi-language "Hate Has No Home Here" signs for display in local shops and offices. For more information, or to R.S.V.P., contact Nora Gaines at ngaines@bankstreet.edu.

● Economic Justice Hevra Meeting

Thursday, May 4, 6:30PM, 89th Street 4th Floor: 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.

● Soulful Start: Shira Yoga—An Integrated Practice for Body and Soul

Saturday, May 6, 9:00AM, 86th Street Chapel: Bring voice, breath, and body together in this session that combines asana yoga and piyut (Hebrew liturgical poetry). All levels welcome. Visit www.bj.org/yoga for more details.

● Sharing Circle with the Rabbis

Wednesday, May 10, 6:00PM-6:50PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: BJ members are invited to join the rabbis for an intimate session ahead of the finale in our series of Shalom Hartman Lectures, with Rabbi Dr. Donniel Hartman. Registration is not required, but please be sure to register for the lecture which follows.

● Jewish Identity, Belonging, and Community:

Shalom Hartman Lecture with Rabbi Dr. Donniel Hartman



Wednesday, May 10, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us for the next installment of the Shalom Hartman lecture series: "Community Beyond the Boundaries," presented by Rabbi Dr. Donniel Hartman, President of the Shalom Hartman Institute and author of *Putting God Second: How to Save Religion from Itself*. Register at www.bj.org/hartmanlectures.

● Register for BJ Hazorim CSA 2017

Tuesdays, June 6-October 3, 4:30-7:30PMM, 89th Street Frankel Hall: Pick up fresh, organic produce from Free Bird Farm at BJ once a week for 22 weeks. Register before May 1 at www.bj.org/csa. Questions? Contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org.

WHAT'S LATER

● The Cultural Impact Of The Six-Day War

Sunday, May 14, 5:00-6:30PM, 89th Street: This musical presentation will feature classic songs from the post-war era. Moti Zeira, head of our partner organization HaMidrasha, will examine the impact of the war on Israeli music and the subversive messages hidden within some of the all-time classics of that era.

● 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 Tsfofi. Register at www.bj.org/womensretreat by Monday, April 24. For more info, contact Billie at bdistefano@bj.org.

● Siah: A Monthly Minyan for Learners and Seekers

Saturday, May 20 (final session), 9:30AM-12:00 noon, 88th Street Frankel Hall: 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.

● Give the Gift of Life at the BJ Blood Drive

Wednesday, May 24, 3:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: To sign up or for more info, email Larissa Wohl at lwohl@bj.org with your preferred time slot.

● Save the Date: Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein Tribute Event

Wednesday, June 7, 7:00-11:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Save the date to join us in honor of Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and to acknowledge the enormous impact he has had on our community. Registration info coming soon.

● Save the Date: Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 15, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us at this year's meeting to hear about the past year and upcoming plans for our community, and to elect new members to BJ's Board of Trustees.

TORAH PORTION

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Torah: Annual Leviticus 9:1 - 34:26

Triennial Leviticus 9:1 - 10:11

1: 9:1 - 9:6

2: 9:7 - 9:10

3: 9:11 - 9:16

4: 9:17 - 9:23

5: 9:24 - 10:03

6: 10:4 - 10:7

7: 10:8 - 10:11

Maftir: 10:8 - 10:11

Haftarah II Samuel 6:1 - 6:19

NEXT WEEK: TAZRI'A-METZORA

Torah: Annual Leviticus 12:1 - 15:33

Triennial Leviticus 12:1 - 13:39

Haftarah II Kings 7:3 - 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. **Visit www.bj.org/minyan.**

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