

KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון
The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
בני ישרון



April 28-May 5, 2017 • 2-9 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.

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- **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 YENAHEM / CONDOLENCES

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

- Melanie Katzman and Russell Makowsky, and their children, Wyndam and Harper Makowsky, on the death of Melanie's father, Bernard Katzman.
- Tom Divine and Donna Robinson Divine on the death of Tom's father, Harold S. Divine.
- Javier and Patricia Neiman, their children, Martin, Andres, and Nicole; and Juliana Neiman and her daughters, Micaela, Gabriela, and Dana Bronstein, on the death of Javier and Juliana's mother, Frime Bebchik de Neiman.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Ruby Sklar, her parents, Michael and Karen Sklar, her sister, Sadie Sklar, and her grandmother, Rita Sklar, on Ruby becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Sarah Rosenthal on her engagement to Mark Broomfield, and to Sarah's parents, Ruth Jarmul and Irv Rosenthal, her siblings, Rachel Rosenthal, and Rebecca Rosenthal and Adam Arenson, her nephews, Simon and Leo Arenson, and her niece, Madeline Arenson.

TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is supported by BJ's Mah Tovv Havurah in honor of the 95th birthday of its beloved member, Vivian Yale, and by Vivian Yale, also in honor of her 95th birthday.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Sarah Wright and 8th Graders, Temple Beth Emeth, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- **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.

SAVE THE DATES! Visit www.bj.org for more information:

RABBI MARCELO BRONSTEIN TRIBUTE EVENT, June 7, 7:00PM

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: 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 28

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

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

Join the conversation on Jewish identity and intermarriage. **Deadline to submit new input is Sunday, April 30.** More at www.bj.org/identity.

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

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

● **Soulful Start: Hakhanah laTefillah—
Preparing for Prayer** 8:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel

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. (Meets every other Shabbat.)

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

Bat Mitzvah **Ruby Sklar**

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

● **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

● **Community Kiddush** Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 19 (Hod Shebetiferet)

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

● **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary

● **Celebrate Israel: Ella's Trip to Israel,
an Interactive Children's Performance** 11:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary

Celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut with your family at this musical performance based on the popular children's book by Vivian Newman. \$5 per person, walk-ins welcome. Register at www.bj.org/ella.

● **Israeli Folk Dancing for Yom Ha'atzmaut** 2:00 PM – 89th St. 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** 3:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

Fifty years after the 1967 war, 400,000 Israelis now settle the West Bank. Many consider settlements an impediment to peace; others, 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. Register at www.bj.org/dayan.

● **HEROES: The Untold Stories of the
Jewish-Ethiopian Aliyah** 5:00 PM – 89th St.

Join us for a screening of the documentary film, *HEROES*, which explores the experiences of those involved in the Jewish-Ethiopian aliyah to Israel. Followed by a Q&A featuring co-director Avishai Mekonen and activists who were directly involved in the aliyah efforts. Register at www.bj.org/heroes.

● **BJ Writer's Havurah** 7:00 PM – location given upon R.S.V.P.

From writing your next big novel to writing your "to do" list, there is a little writer in all of us! Come connect with us at the BJ Writer's Havurah. We meet every other month and are looking to expand our group! For more information, please contact Shary Wagreich at sharywagdc@msn.com or call (646) 831-1915.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 20 (Yesod Shebetiferet)

MONDAY, MAY 1 | YOM HAZIKARON

● **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary

● **Fifty Years Since 1967: An Evening
of Ceremony and Reflection** 7:00 PM – 88th St. 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 a facilitated conversation with Resetting the Table.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 21 (Malkhut Shebetiferet)

TUESDAY, MAY 2 | YOM HA'ATZMAUT

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- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **“From the Bible” with Rabbi Hillel Friedman** 9:00 AM – 89th St. Middle Room
- **Hate Has No Home Here** 6:30 PM – 89th St. 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.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 22 ([Hesed Shebenetzah](#))

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **Open Rehearsals of Shabbat Music** 6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
Join us for a monthly open rehearsal with music director Dan Nadel, [Hazzan Ari Priven](#), and the rabbis to sing, learn new melodies, and delve deeper into prayer and music.
- **Refugee and Immigration Committee Meeting** 6:30 PM – 89th St. Reception Room
Through a partnership with HIAS and emerging relationships with other organizations, we are educating our community about the refugee crisis and developing opportunities to volunteer, advocate, and raise our Jewish voice. Join us at our next meeting to get involved in this important work. R.S.V.P. to cheiten8644@gmail.com.
- **Introduction to Judaism Class (registration closed)** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Room 408

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 23 ([Gevurah Shebenetzah](#))

THURSDAY, MAY 4

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **Economic Justice [Hevra Meeting](#)** 6:30 PM – 89th St. 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.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 24 ([Tiferet Shebenetzah](#))

FRIDAY, MAY 5

- **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 25 ([Netzah Shebenetzah](#))

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.
- **Bo-i Kallah: A Monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service**
Friday, May 5, 7:00PM, 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.
- **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.

WHAT'S NEXT

- **Where We Go From Here: Improving Israeli Security and Preserving the Two-State Option**
Saturday, May 6, following Shabbat morning services, 86th Street: Join General Amnon Reshef, a leader in Commanders for Israeli Security, as he discusses this movement led by 270 retired Israeli commanders. No registration required.
- **Mindfulness Meditation and the Counting of the Omer**
Sunday, May 7, 10:30AM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Whether you already count the Omer or are new to the practice, come experience this spiritual journey to Sinai, which includes meditation and an experiential overview of the Sefirot. The session will be led by longtime BJ member Bernice Todres.
- **The Israeli Book Club Discusses *The Yellow Wind* by David Grossman**
Sunday, May 7, 5:00-6:30PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.: Grossman's impassioned account of what he observed on the West Bank in early 1987 — the cost of occupation for both occupier and occupied — is an intimate and urgent moral report on one of the great tragedies of our time.
- **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 before the finale of our Shalom Hartman lecture series, with Rabbi Dr. Donniel Hartman. Registration is not required for the Sharing Circle, 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.
- **Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service**
Friday, May 12, 7:00PM, 89th Street Gym: Led by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein, Rabbi Rachel Cowan, Rabbinic Fellow Arielle Rosenberg and Karina Zilberman, this service involves meditation, reflection, deep listening and personal engagement with the parashah. Please contact Beth at btarson@bj.org with any questions.
- **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.
- **Members' Input Forum**
Sunday, May 14, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: This event is open to BJ members only. Check back soon for more information.
- **Rabbi Roly Matalon's Webinar Follow-Up to May 10 Shalom Hartman Lecture**
Wednesday, May 17, 12:00 noon, online: Join Rabbi Roly Matalon's live interactive webinar as we explore and unfold the ideas raised in Rabbi Dr. Donniel Hartman's May 10 Shalom Hartman lecture. Tune in at www.bj.org/webinar.

WHAT'S LATER

- **Women's Retreat 2017 (Deadline to Register is May 1!)**
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. Register at www.bj.org/womensretreat. For more info, contact Billie at bdistefano@bj.org.

WHAT'S LATER *continued from panel 4*

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

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

● **The Generational Divide: How Do Millennials View Israel in Light of 50 Years of Occupation?**

Thursday, May 25, 7:00-8:30PM, 89th Street: Join Joel Braunold, Executive Director of the Alliance for Middle East Peace, and Yona Shem-Tov, Executive Director of Encounter, in exploring questions of generational divide. Register at www.bj.org/millennial.

● **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.

● **Register for BJ Hazorim CSA 2017 (Deadline to Register is May 1)**

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.

TORAH PORTION

TAZRI'A-METZORA

Torah: Annual Leviticus 12:1 - 15:33

Triennial Leviticus 12:1 - 13:39

1: 12:1 - 12:4

2: 12:5 - 12:8

3: 13:1 - 13:5

4: 13:6 - 13:17

5: 3:18 - 13:23

6: 13:24 - 13:28

7: 13:29 - 13:39

Maftir: 13:35 - 13:39

Haftarah II Kings 7:3 - 7:20

NEXT WEEK: AHAREI MOT-KEDOSHIM

Torah: Annual Leviticus 16:1 - 20:27

Triennial Leviticus 16:1 - 17:7

Haftarah Amos 9:7 - 9:15

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