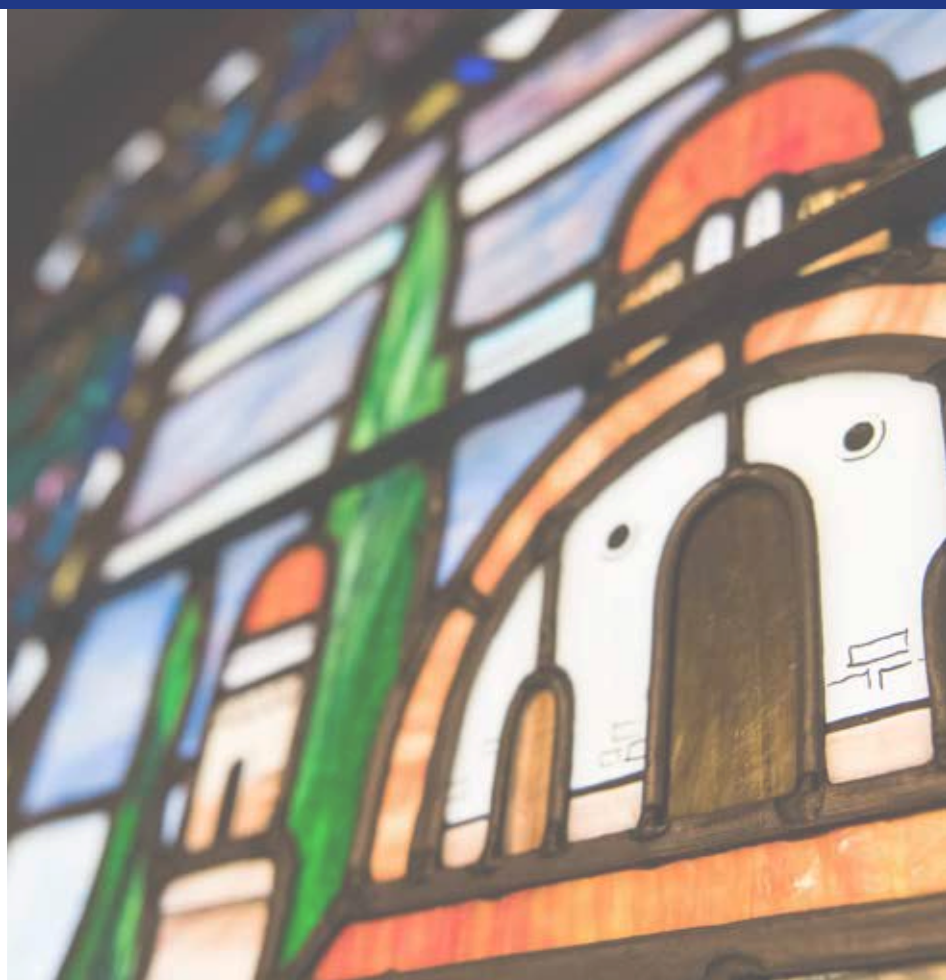


KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון
The Voice of BJ This Week

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May 5-12, 2017 • 9-16 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 mourns the death of our member Irene Laserson, and we extend our sincere condolences to her entire family.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Ellen Landau. and we extend our sincere condolences to her entire family.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of Doug Leblang, former BJ member and longtime music volunteer at the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Daniel Heller, his parents, John and Silvia Heller, his brother, Gabriel Heller, and his sister, Amalia Heller, on Daniel becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- BJ Rabbinic Fellow Sarah Krinsky and her fiancé, Daniel Novick, on their upcoming wedding.
- Elliot and Rebecca, Ethan and Zachary, Jonathan and Orli, Ben and Leah Silver, and Maks and Rochelle Etingin on the birth of their daughter, sister, granddaughter, niece, and great-granddaughter, Isabel Florence Silver.
- Sally Gottesman on being honored by Moving Traditions at their Bat Mitzvah Year Celebration.

TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Sarah Krinsky and Daniel Novick in honor of their upcoming wedding.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Sari Gadlin and Board of Directors, Hazon, New York, New York.
- Arie Katz and students, Orange County Jewish Community Scholar Program, Irvine, California.
- **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:

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

THIS WEEK AT BJ

FRIDAY, MAY 5

- **Tot Shabbat** 5:15 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
Families enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed by dinner with Shabbat blessings and songs at 5:45PM in Frankel Hall. Register at www.bj.org/young-families.
- **Bo-i Kallah: A Monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:00 PM – 89th St. 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.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 25 (Netzah Shebenetzah)

SATURDAY, MAY 6

- **Soulful Start: Shira Yoga: An Integrated Practice for Body and Soul** 9:00 AM – 86th St. 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.
- **Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary
- **Bar Mitzvah** **Daniel Heller**
- **Aliyat Hatan veKallah** **Daniel Novick and Sarah Krinsky**
- ● **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
- **Where We Go From Here: Improving Israeli Security and Preserving the Two-State Option** Following Kiddush – 86th St. Chapel
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.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 26 (Hod Shebenetzah)

SUNDAY, MAY 7

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **Mindfulness Meditation and the Counting of the Omer** 10:30 AM – 88th St. 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.
- **Havdalah and a Movie** 4:30 PM – 89th St.
- **The Israeli Book Club Discusses *The Yellow Wind* by David Grossman** 5:00 PM – 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. Register at www.bj.org/bookclub.
- **Brotherhood** 6:30 PM – 89th St. Mezzanine

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 27 (Yesod Shebenetzah)

MONDAY, MAY 8

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **Parents' Corner** 5:00 PM – 89th St. 4th Floor

● **Healthcare Group Meeting** 7:00 PM – 89th St.

We will discuss pursuing a social action agenda to improve the quality and accessibility of healthcare. For more information, please contact Sylvia Vogelman at svogelman@aol.com or Susan Margolis at sumargolis@aol.com.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 28 (Malkhut Shebenetzah)

TUESDAY, MAY 9

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

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 29 (Hesed Shebehod)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

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

● **Sharing Circle with the Rabbis** 6:00 PM – 88th St. 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** 7:00 PM – 88th St. 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.

● **Introduction to Judaism Class (last class)** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Room 408

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 30 (Gevurah Shebehod)

THURSDAY, MAY 11

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

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 31 (Tiferet Shebehod)

FRIDAY, MAY 12

● **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 32 (Netzah Shebehod)

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.

● **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.

WHAT'S NEXT

● **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. Register at www.bj.org/israelimusic.

● **Members' Input Forum**

Wednesday, May 17, Members Only Session 1: 5:00-7:15PM and Session 2: 7:45-10:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary & Frankel Hall: BJ members are invited to join us for one of two sessions as part of the Jewish Identity, Belonging, and Community initiative. Email Lisa Shillan at lshillan@bj.org to register.

● **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.

● **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.

● **Picnic in Riverside Park**

Saturday, May 20, following Shabbat morning services, Riverside Park: Celebrate springtime with a picnic lunch in Riverside Park following Shabbat services. Families are invited to bring their own lunch, picnic blankets, and outdoor games. We will walk to the park as a group.

● **BJ Youth Group & Families Mets Game!**

Sunday, May 21, 1:00PM, Citi Field: Members of Garinim, Shorashim, and Ilanot (or non-youth group members in kindergarten through 7th grade) and their families are invited to spend an afternoon at Citi Field watching the Mets play the Los Angeles Angels. Youth group members receive one free ticket! Email Michelle Geisler at mgeisler@bj.org to claim yours. Everyone else, register at www.bj.org/metsgame.

● **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.

● **Come to Albany to Lobby for Farmworker Justice**

Tuesday, May 23, 6:30AM-6:30PM, departing from Cathedral of St. John the Divine (1047 Amsterdam Avenue): Meet with elected officials and lobby on behalf of the Farmworker Fair Labor Practices Act. To reserve your spot on the bus to Albany (lunch provided), register at www.bj.org/albanytrip. Cost is \$20. Email Paula Galowitz at gpaula11@gmail.com for more information.

● **Environmental Justice Hevra Meeting**

Tuesday, May 23, 6:30PM, 89th Street 4th Floor: Join us for our next meeting to further explore environmental initiatives. Now is the time to bring your ideas and passion to this meaningful cause. R.S.V.P. to Les Judd at lesjudd@aol.com.

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 4*

● Give the Gift of Life at the BJ Blood Drive

Wednesday, May 24, 3:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Twice a year, we have the opportunity to provide this very important service to the community. To sign up, visit www.bj.org/blooddrive. Questions? Email Larissa wohl at lwohl@bj.org.

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

Thursday, May 25, 7:00-8:30PM, 89th Street: Young American Jews are defining themselves as more progressive and secular while Israeli youth are becoming more right wing and religious. Why is this happening, and what are its implications? Join Joel Braunold, Executive Director of the Alliance for Middle East Peace, and Yona Shem-Tov, Executive Director of Encounter, in exploring these questions of generational divide. Register at www.bj.org/millennial.

WHAT'S LATER

● Register for BJ Hazorim CSA 2017 (Deadline Extended to May 15!)

Tuesdays, June 6-October 31, 4:30-7:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Register for our CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) and pick up fresh, organic produce from Free Bird Farm once a week for 22 weeks. Register before Monday, May 15 at www.bj.org/csa. Questions? Contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org.

● Register Now: Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein Tribute Event

Wednesday, June 7, 7:00-11:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us in honoring Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and acknowledging the enormous impact he has had on our community. Register at www.bj.org/marcelo.

● Bim Bam and Bim Bam Hebrew Immersion

Fridays, June 9-August 18, 9:15-10:00AM, 10:15-11:00AM, 11:15AM-12:00 noon, 89th Street Middle Room: Registration is available for both standard and Hebrew immersion classes at www.bj.org/bimbamsummer.

● 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, 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 16:1 - 20:27
Triennial	Leviticus 16:1 - 17:7
1:	16:1 - 16:6
2:	16:7 - 16:11
3:	16:12 - 16:17
4:	16:18 - 16:24
5:	16:25 - 16:30
6:	16:31 - 16:34
7:	17:1 - 17:7
Maftir:	17:5 - 17:7
Haftarah	Amos 9:7 - 9:15

NEXT WEEK: EMOR

Torah: Annual	Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23
Triennial	Leviticus 21:1 - 22:16
Haftarah	Ezekiel 44:15 - 44:31

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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