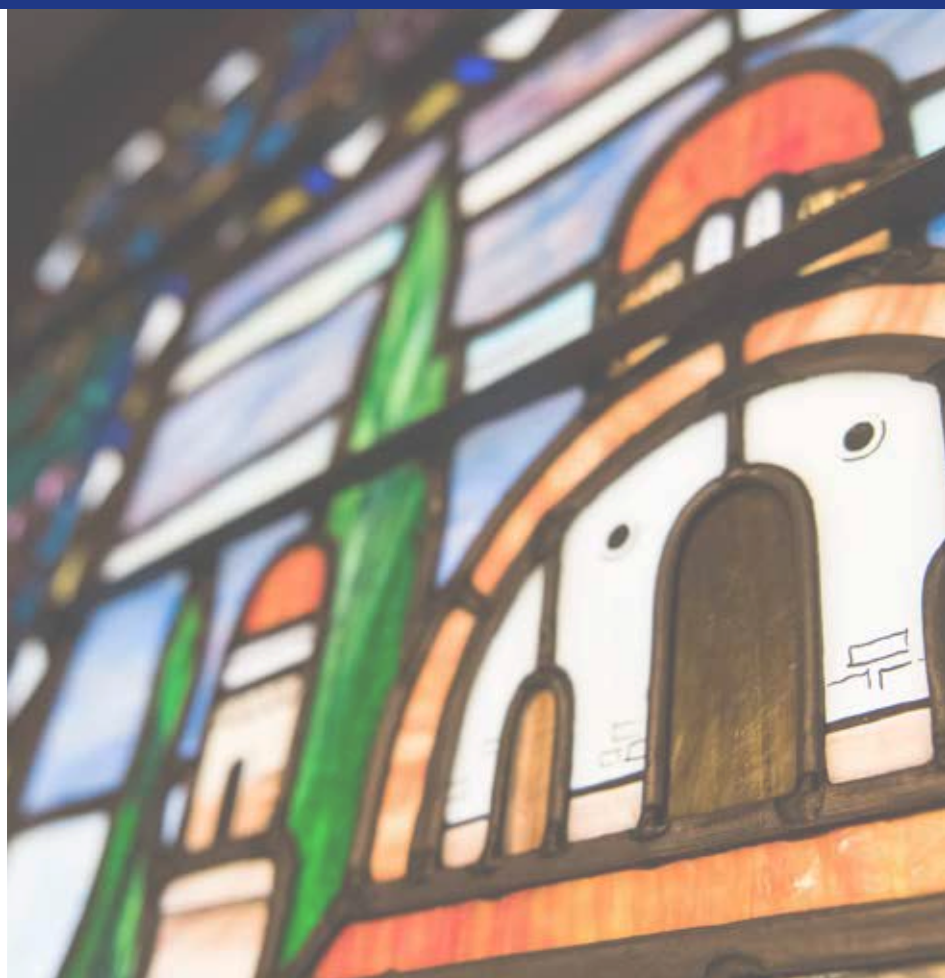


KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון
The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
בני ישרון



May 12-19, 2017 • 16-23 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 YENAH^{EM} / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member, Estelle Leslie Merims, and we extend our sincere condolences to her husband, Daniel Merims, their children and grandchildren, and their entire family.

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

- Anne Mintz on the death of her mother, Roni Mintz.
- Richard Katz and Debra Kalmuss, and their children and grandchildren, on the death of Richard's father, Irwin Katz.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- Matan Marder Friedgood and his parents, Dova Marder and Stephen Friedgood, on Matan becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Oren Barnoy, his parents, Minna Elias and Amotz Barnoy, his sister, Talia Barnoy, and his grandparents, Lois and Arthur Elias, on Oren becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Alisa Doctoroff on being honored for her vision and leadership by the Jewish Education Project.
- Alisa Rubin Kurshan and David Karnovsky on being honored at the Hebrew Free Loan Society 125th anniversary celebration.
- Tovah Felshush for her induction into the Manhattan Jewish Hall of Fame.
- Rabbi Roly Matalon on receiving the Founder Award at T'ruah's 2017 Annual Gala.

TODAH RABBAH / THANK YOU

This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Dova Marder and Stephen Friedgood in honor of Matan Marder Friedgood becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Leadership Group, Kolot Negev, Israel.
- **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 12

- **Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:00 PM – 89th St. 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.

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

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 32 (Netzah Shebehod)

SATURDAY, MAY 13

- **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 morning.)

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

Bar Mitzvah

Matan Marder Friedgood

- ● **Hazak: Torah Chanting for 3rd-6th Graders** 9:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall
- ● **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 – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **Minḥa Service** 5:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah

Oren Barnoy

- ● **Have To Have Havdallah** 6:45 PM – 89th St. Gym

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 33 (Hod Shebehod)

SUNDAY, MAY 14 | LAG BA-OMER

- **Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **The Cultural Impact Of The Six-Day War** 5:00 PM – 89th St. Reception Room
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 the age.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 34 (Yesod Shebehod)

MONDAY, MAY 15

- **Register for BJ Hazorim CSA 2017** **DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS 5:00 PM TODAY**
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 at BJ once a week for 22 weeks. [Register at www.bj.org/csa](http://www.bj.org/csa). Questions? Email Larissa at lwohl@bj.org.

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

- **Ethical Wills Program** 7:00 PM – 89th St. Reception Room

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 35 (Malkhut Shebehod)

TUESDAY, MAY 16

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

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 36 (Hesed Shebeyesod)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

- **Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
- **Rabbi Roly Matalon's Webinar Follow-Up to May 10 Shalom Hartman Lecture** 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 lecture. Tune in at www.bj.org/webinar.
- **Members' Input Forum** Session I: 5:00-7:15 PM; Session II: 7:45-10:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary & Frankel Hall

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

BJ members are invited to join us for one of two sessions as part of the Jewish Identity, Belonging, and Community initiative.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 37 (Gevurah Shebeyesod)

THURSDAY, MAY 18

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

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 38 (Tiferet Shebeyesod)

FRIDAY, MAY 19

- **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 39 (Netzah Shebeyesod)

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.
- **Siaḥ: 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, and those 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.
- **Come to Albany to Lobby for Farmworker Justice**
Tuesday, May 23, 6:30 AM departure from Cathedral of St. John the Divine (1047 Amsterdam Avenue); return by 6:30PM: 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 paula11@gmail.com for more information.

WHAT'S NEXT

● 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.

● 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.

● 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. Sign up at www.bj.org/blooddrive. Questions? Contact 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, 88th Street Sanctuary: 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.

● Tikkun Leil Shavuot with Professor Christine Hayes: Behind Ruth's Choice

Tuesday, May 30, 9:30-11:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Following our First Evening Shavuot Service, study with Professor Christine Hayes. Explore the radically different accounts rabbinic tradition offers of Ruth's life-altering decision to join the Israelite people, shedding new light on the many paths into contemporary Jewish community.

WHAT'S LATER

● Tot Shabbat

Friday, June 2, 5:15-7:00PM, 89th Street: 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.

● Walk with BJ at the Celebrate Israel Parade

Sunday, June 4, 10:30AM, 5th Avenue between 54th and 55th Streets: Join the BJ rabbis and fellow members of the BJ community as we show our love of and support for Israel. Register at www.bj.org/israelparade.

● Economic Justice Hevra Meeting

Monday, June 5, 6:30-8:30PM, R.S.V.P. for location: 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 or to R.S.V.P., contact Lisa at lisagzucker@gmail.com.

● JIBC: A Conversation on Interfaith Marriage and Jewish Identity for College Students

Tuesday, June 6, 3:00-4:30PM, 89th Street: We invite all college students to share their perspectives on Jewish identity and interfaith marriage in a facilitated conversation with the BJ rabbis and teen staff. R.S.V.P. to Ayala Wasser at awasser@bj.org.

WHAT'S LATER *continued from panel 4*

● Save the Date: Vigil in Support of Refugees

Tuesday, June 6, 7:00PM, location TBD: This vigil is part of a nationwide effort to influence the refugee quotas that the President plans to set for next year. Questions? Contact Lisa at medowen@aol.com.

● 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: Children ages 3 and under explore Shabbat through song and story while learning traditions such as lighting candles, saying Kiddush, and giving tzedakah. 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.

SHAVUOT

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Tuesday, May 30 • Erev Shavuot

First Evening Service

88th Street Sanctuary..... 9:00PM

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

88th Street Sanctuary..... 9:30PM

Wednesday, May 31 • First Day Shavuot

Morning Services

88th Street Sanctuary..... 10:00AM

Children's Services

88th Street Frankel Hall..... 10:45AM

Community Picnic, Riverside Park

(weather permitting) Following Services

Wednesday, May 31 • Second Evening Shavuot

Evening Service

88th Street Sanctuary..... 8:30PM

Thursday, June 1 • Second Day Shavuot (Yizkor)

Morning Services

88th Street Sanctuary..... 9:30AM

Children's Services

88th Street Frankel Hall..... 10:45AM

TORAH PORTION

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Torah: Annual Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23

Triennial Leviticus 21:1 - 22:16

1: 21:1 - 21:6

2: 21:7 - 21:12

3: 21:13 - 21:15

4: 21:16 - 21:24

5: 22:1 - 22:9

6: 22:10 - 22:12

7: 22:13 - 22:16

Maftir: 22:13 - 22:16

Haftarah Ezekiel 44:15 - 44:31

NEXT WEEK: BEHAR-BEHUKKOTAI

Torah: Annual Leviticus 25:1 - 27:34

Triennial Leviticus 25:1 - 25:38

Haftarah Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:14

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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