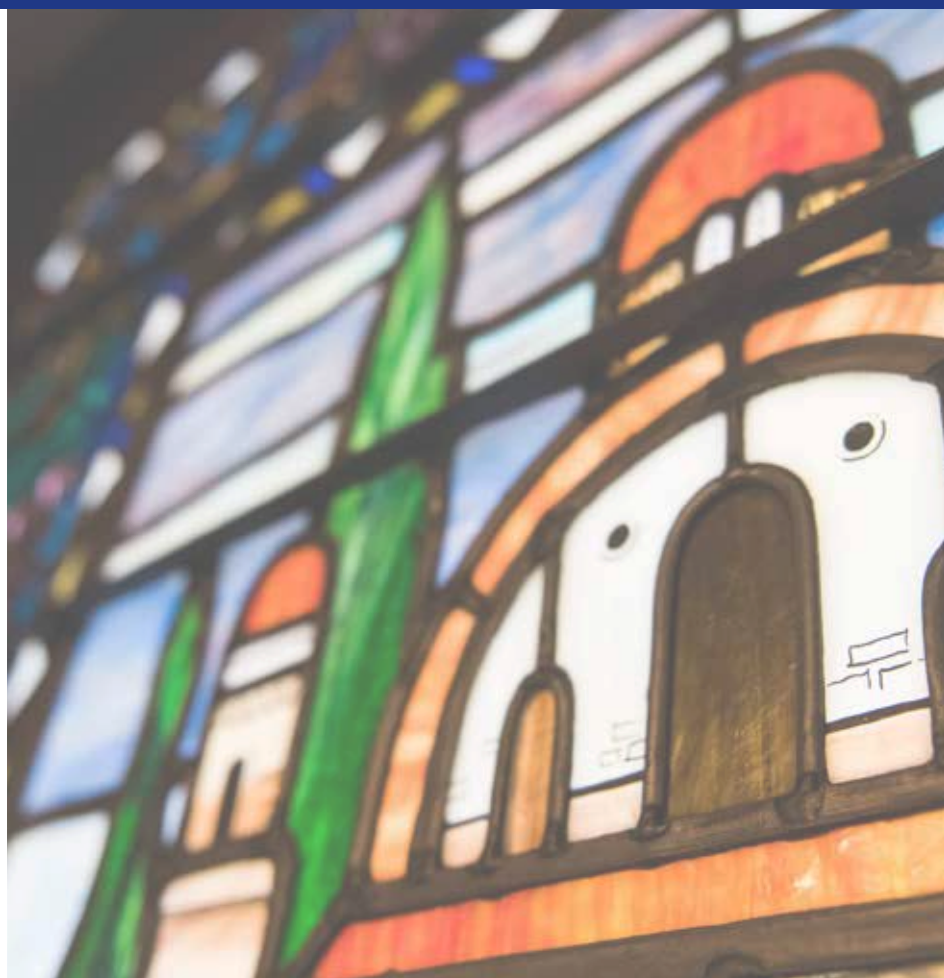


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The Voice of BJ This Week

B'nai Jeshurun
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May 19-26, 2017 • 23 Iyar-1 Sivan, 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

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

- To Dava Schub, longtime BJ member and Shelter Co-Chair, on receiving the Innovation Award at the JCC Manhattan Annual Benefit.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Leadership Group, Gvanim, Israel.
- Courtney Hensel and 7th Graders, Ann & Nate Levine Academy, Dallas, Texas.
- Dr. Walter Domke and high school students, Gothe-Gymnasium Berlin, Berlin, Germany.
- **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:

● **Become a Summer Food Donor for the Shelter**

Donating food is easy! All you need to do is prepare a dairy/vegetarian meal at home for our 10 guests and deliver it to the Community House or SPSA. Your home cooked meal will help our guests feel warm and welcome in our space. To find out more and sign up, contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org.

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 19

Women's Retreat (through 5/21)

- **Family Shabbat Dinner in Honor of Zayin** Following Services – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Join us for a special Shabbat dinner, during which we will honor our 7th grade students and officially welcome them into the BJ Teen Program. Zayin families, register at www.bj.org/zayin. Everyone else, register at www.bj.org/bjteendinner.

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

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 39 (Netzah Shebeyesod)

SATURDAY, MAY 20

- **Siah: A Monthly Minyan for Learners and Seekers (final session)** 9:30 AM – 88th St. 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.

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

- **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

- **Picnic in Riverside Park** Following Services – Riverside Park
Celebrate springtime with a picnic lunch in Riverside Park. Families are invited to bring their own lunch, picnic blankets, and outdoor games. We will walk to the park as a group.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 40 (Hod Shebeyesod)

SUNDAY, MAY 21

- **Fifth Annual Israel Film Center Festival** Sunday, May 21-Tuesday, June 13 – JCC Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Ave.
Check out the best new Israeli films at New York's leading Israeli film festival. Join actors, directors, and more for an exciting lineup of events and screenings. BJ members enjoy discounted tickets using code: BJ17. For film listings and ticket purchase, visit www.bj.org/filmfestival.

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

- **BJ Youth Group & Families Mets Game** 1:00 PM – 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.

- **The New York Philharmonic and B'nai Jeshurun Present: From Israel to New York** 2:00 PM – 89th St.

- **Brotherhood** 6:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

- **Like Hearing the Grass Grow: Guilt, Atonement, and Intimacy with Avivah Zornberg** 7:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary



Explore the evolution of Moses' (and the Jewish people's) relationship with God through the themes of sin, atonement, and sacrifice in a lecture centered upon two events: 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.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 41 (Yesod Shebeyesod)

MONDAY, MAY 22

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

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 42 (Malkhut Shebeyesod)

TUESDAY, MAY 23

- **Come to Albany to Lobby for Farmworker Justice** 6:30 AM – departure from Cathedral of St. John the Divine (1047 Amsterdam Ave.)
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. Return by 6:30PM.

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

- **Environmental Justice Hevra Meeting** 6:30 PM – 89th St. 4th Floor
Join us 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.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 43 (Hesed Shebemalkhut)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

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

- **Give the Gift of Life at the BJ Blood Drive** 3:00-9:00 PM – 88th St. 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.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 44 (Gevurah Shebemalkhut)

THURSDAY, MAY 25

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

- **Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 Noon – 88th St. Frankel Hall

- **The Generational Divide: How Do Millennials View Israel in Light of 50 Years of Occupation?** 7:00 PM – 88th St. 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.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 45 (Tiferet Shebemalkhut)

FRIDAY, MAY 26 | ROSH HODESH SIVAN

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

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 46 (Netzah Shebemalkhut)

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.
- **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 NEXT

● ● 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.

● Bo-i Kallah: A Monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, June 2, 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.

● Walk with BJ at the Celebrate Israel Parade

Sunday, June 4, 10:30AM, 55th St. between Fifth & Sixth Aves.: Join the BJ rabbis and fellow members of the BJ community as we show our love and support of Israel. Walkers are encouraged to wear the official BJ parade t-shirt. 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.

● Pop-up Enrollment Center for IDNYC

Monday, June 5-Friday, June 16, JCC Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Ave.: Book an appointment at www.bj.org/idnyc. For more information or to volunteer, contact Ellen at elandsberger1@gmail.com.

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

Tuesday, June 6, 3:00-4:30PM, 89th Street: As part of our community-wide JIBC program, 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. This is a very important and timely topic for our community, and, as college students, you deserve a voice in the dialogue. R.S.V.P. to Ayala Wasser at awasser@bj.org.

● Vigil in Support of Refugees

Tuesday, June 6, 6:30PM, 780 Third Avenue at 48th Street, in front of the office of Senators Schumer and Gillibrand: Join us in commemorating the day that the passengers of the SS St. Louis were refused asylum by the US in 1939. 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. This event is free for BJ members who register before May 24. Non-members are welcome for a fee of \$36. Register at www.bj.org/marcelo.

● Play Softball with BJ

Thursday evenings, June 8 through early July: Each week, we invite you to join us for a friendly, co-ed softball game in Central Park. Please contact Craig Rosenberg at crosenberg6@optonline.net for more information.

● 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.

WHAT'S NEXT *continued from panel 4*

● Jerusalem: Fifty Years of Complex Unification

Sunday, June 11, 7:00-8:30PM, 89th Street: What are the underlying social, political, and religious rifts that still shape this fascinating city? Join Dr. Elan Ezrachi as he addresses these questions and more. Register at www.bj.org/unification.

● BJ 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

BEHAR-BEHUKKOTAI

Torah: Annual Leviticus 25:1 - 27:34

Triennial Leviticus 25:1 - 25:38

1: 25:1 - 25:3

2: 25:4 - 25:7

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4: 25:14 - 25:18

5: 25:19 - 25:24

6: 25:25 - 25:28

7: 25:29 - 25:38

Maftir: 25:35 - 25:38

Haftarah Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:14


NEXT WEEK: BEMIDBAR

Torah: Annual Numbers 1:1 - 4:20

Triennial Numbers 1:1 - 1:54

Haftarah Hosea 2:1 - 2:22

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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