

KOL JESHURUN קול ישרון
The Voice of BJ This Week

b'nai Jeshurun
בני ישרון



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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**
- 📖 **Shavuot Services & Events**

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OUR COMMUNITY

HA-MAKOM YENAHM / CONDOLENCES

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member Charles Gerson and we extend our sincere condolences to his wife, Mary-Joan Gerson, and their entire family.

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

- Peter Bokor and Jeannie Blaustein, and their daughters, Sophie and Livia Bokor, on the death of Peter's father, Gene Bokor.
- Matthew Butcher and Rebecca Posner, and their children, Noah and Hannah Butcher, on the death of Matthew's father, Arthur Butcher.
- Daniel Freedman and BJ musician Daphna Mor on the death of Daniel's stepfather, Bill Woods.

MAZAL TOV / CONGRATULATIONS

To the following members and their families:

- BJ Director of Family Life and Learning Michael Witman and Rabbi Melissa Buyer-Witman, and Lily and Josie Buyer, on the birth of their daughter and sister, Nessa Faith Witman.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM / WELCOME

- Sharon Amster Brown and 8th Grade Class, Temple Israel, Long Beach, California.
- Rabbi Linda Joseph and Confirmation Class, Har Sinai Congregation, Owings Mills, Maryland.
- **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 26 | ROSH HODESH SIVAN

- **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.

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

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

SATURDAY, MAY 27

- **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.)

- **Hazak: Torah Chanting for 3rd-6th Graders** 9:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall

- **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

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 47 (Hod Shebemalkhut)

SUNDAY, MAY 28

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

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 48 (Yesod Shebemalkhut)

MONDAY, MAY 29 | Memorial Day

BJ Office closed

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

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 49 (Malkhut Shebemalkhut)

TUESDAY, MAY 30 | EREV SHAVUOT

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

- 📖 ● **First Evening Shavuot Service** 9:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

- 📖 ● **Tikkun Leil Shavuot with Professor Christine Hayes: Behind Ruth's Choice** 9:30-11:30 PM – 88th St. 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.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 31 | 1st DAY SHAVUOT

BJ Office closed

-  ● **First Day Shavuot Services** 10:00 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
-  ● **Shavuot Celebration at Children's Services** 10:45 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
BJ Young Families celebrate Shavuot with a holiday service including singing, dancing, and reading from the Torah. Children will assemble and decorate baskets of flowers to bring into the Sanctuary. We'll provide the flowers; families are asked to bring their own baskets.
-  ● **Community Picnic** 12:30 PM – Riverside Park (weather permitting), north of Hippo Park (entrance at 91st St.)
-  ● **Second Evening Shavuot Service** 8:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

THURSDAY, JUNE 1 | 2nd DAY SHAVUOT (YIZKOR)

BJ Office closed

-  ● **Second Day Shavuot Services** 9:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
-  ● **Children's Services** 10:45 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

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

WHAT'S NEXT

● **Fifth Annual Israel Film Center Festival**

Through Tuesday, June 13, JCC Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Avenue: 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.

● **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.

● **Teen End of the Year Celebration at Bowlmor Times Square**

Sunday, June 4, 5:00-7:00PM, Bowlmor Times Square: Celebrate the end of the school year with the BJ teens! Join us as we bowl, hit the arcade, eat pizza, and celebrate our graduating seniors. Register at www.bj.org/teencelebration.

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WHAT'S NEXT

● 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.: For two weeks at the JCC, you can arrange to get this popular form of ID, which establishes NYC residency and benefits all New Yorkers, including those who may have difficulty obtaining other forms of government-issued ID. BJ is a co-sponsor of the JCC Pop-up Enrollment Center. For more information or to volunteer, contact Ellen at elandsberger1@gmail.com.

● 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.

● 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. We will dine, dance, and reflect upon Marcelo's profound commitment to BJ. Admission is \$36 per person — registration is essential for catering purposes. Book now 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.

● Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, June 9, 7:00PM, 89th Street Gym: Led by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein, Rabbi Rachel Cowan, 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.

● 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/bimbamssummer.

● Jerusalem: Fifty Years of Complex Unification

Sunday, June 11, 7:00-8:30PM, 89th Street: The unification of Jerusalem radically changed the city's character. How have residents of both East and West Jerusalem adapted to this new reality? 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, 89th Street Reception Room: 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.

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WHAT'S LATER

● The Israeli Book Club Discusses *Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen

Wednesday, June 21, 6:30-8:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Neurosurgeon Eitan Green has the perfect life until his involvement in a fatal hit-and-run. When the victim's widow knocks at Eitan's door, Eitan discovers that her price for silence is not money, but something that will shatter his safe existence forever. Register at www.bj.org/goshen.

● Hate Has No Home Here

Monday, June 26, 6:30PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.: We stand in solidarity with non-citizens and other targeted members of our community. Join this continuing multi-congregation effort as we distribute multi-language "Hate Has No Home Signs" signs for display in local shops and offices. Meeting attendance is not necessary for participation. For more information, or to R.S.V.P., contact Nora Gaines. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 18.

TORAH PORTION

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Torah: Annual	Numbers 1:1 - 4:20
Triennial	Numbers 1:1 - 1:54
1:	1:1 - 1:04
2:	1:5 - 1:16
3:	1:17 - 1:19
4:	1:20 - 1:27
5:	1:28 - 1:35
6:	1:36 - 1:43
7:	1:44 - 1:54
Maftir:	1:52 - 1:54
Haftarah	Hosea 2:1 - 2:22

NEXT WEEK: NASO

Torah: Annual	Numbers 4:21 - 7:89
Triennial	Numbers 4:21 - 5:10
Haftarah	Judges 13:2 - 13:25

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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