



This Week at BJBE

May 2, 2016

Dear Friends,

Have you signed up yet for the 2016 BJBE Gala on May 14? Come celebrate the end of a successful year at BJBE and toast the exciting new opportunities ahead. Try your luck at the gaming tables for fabulous raffle prizes, sway to the music of String Theory and enjoy a delicious menu of Carnivale inspired food. The live auction has an impressive array of items with trips and once-in-a-lifetime experiences. The bidding is guaranteed to be lively and all proceeds support our outstanding programming and ability to serve the needs of our congregation. This is sure to be a magical night of *Friendship, Fun & Community!*

2016 Gala Online Auction goes live tomorrow at 10:00am. There are fabulous individual items and packages available. Chicago sports tickets, restaurants, spa services and High Holiday parking are just a few of the exciting selections for you to browse on the site.

We are pleased to welcome Sam Harris this Wednesday for a Yom Hashoah remembrance service, film showing and discussion.

Please see sections below for information on these and other upcoming programs

Judaica Shop Mother's Day jewelry sale now to May 13. Enjoy a special 20% discount on all jewelry purchases. Please note new shop hours: Sundays only if lecture or special event, Wednesdays 3:00 to 5:00pm, Fridays after Services and always by special appointment by calling Audrey 847-788-9084 or Lynne 847-215-1357.

We look forward to celebrating the B'not Mitzvah of Livia Cohen and Isabel Strauss at the morning service and the B'nai Mitzvah of David Mullins and Sam Mullins at the afternoon service this Saturday. Mazel tov to Livia, Isabel, David, Sam and their families.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Tuesday Symposium, *The State of Anti-Semitism and Anti-Zionism*, 10:00-11:30am, May 3 in the Chapel. Instructor: Natan Pakman, Assistant Regional Director, Anti-Defamation League.

Starting tomorrow, **Tuesday, May 3 at 10:00am**, our **online Gala 2016 Auction** will be up and ready to go! Get a chance to see some of the great items available and support the **Gala** before the doors open! **The online auction will run Tuesday, May 3 through Sunday, May 15**

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at 8:00 pm CDT. We know you will want to get in on the awesome Live Auction Items and Raffle Prizes at the Gala, and you still have a chance to win some great items on the online auction even after you get home! [Click here](#) to visit the auction tomorrow at 10:00am.

Please join us for engaging and inspiring personal stories of survival to help us honor **Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day:**

Wednesday, May 4, 6:45pm, *Yom Hashoah Service and film, "Sammy: The Journey"*

Tuesday, May 10, 7:30pm, *The Rauschers and the Eisners: A BJBE Story of Survival*

[Click here](#) for more information.

Join **Post Carpool Club** for an evening at the **Citadel Theatre**, Lake Forest on **Saturday, May 7 at 8:00pm**. *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* is the Stephen Sondheim, laugh out loud musical set in ancient Rome and winner of Tony awards. Enjoy the play at BJBE group rate of \$18 per ticket. (Great savings!! Regular price is \$35.) You must call 847-753-8554 and order your own ticket. Be sure to mention BJBE to get the special price. Questions? Contact [Carol Berger](#), 847-205-9793.

Mishkan Ha-Nefesh: An Introduction to Our New High Holiday Prayer Book - **Note new day and time!** Please join our clergy to explore **Mishkan**

Ha-Nefesh, the Reform Movement's new High Holiday prayer books that BJBE will begin using for the upcoming High Holidays. The classes previously scheduled for Monday evenings in May have changed. Our clergy will now devote three Shabbat morning Torah study sessions to Mishkan Ha-Nefesh on the following dates:

- **May 14 at 11am-12pm** with Rabbi Stoller
- **May 21 at 11am-12pm** with Rabbi Kedar
- **May 28 at 11am-12pm** with Rabbi Stoller

BJBE's Gala, Saturday, May 14, 6:30pm. You should have received your invitation in the mail and hope you will join us for this extraordinary evening that benefits the BJBE community. Food, drink and the beautiful music of String Theory. Online auction, exciting live auction and adult gaming throughout the evening! No need to fret about a sitter...BJBE has you covered! Contact [Kelly Goldberg](#) for a list of sitters. This year's Gala will be better than ever! [Online registration is open.](#)

Congregation BJBE cordially invites you to attend our **Annual JUF Brunch** on behalf of the **2016 Jewish United Fund Annual Campaign, Sunday, May 15.** Registration begins at **9:45am**; program begins at **10:00am**. Guest Speaker: Asaf Romirowsky, *The Middle East Circa 2020*. 2016 JUF Co-Chairs: Susan Sirota, Guy Schlacter and David Katz. Contact [Ronna Leibach](#) for more information.

Please join us for **BJBE Sisterhood's 80's Plus Luncheon** on **Monday, May 16 at 11:30am**. Entertainment provided by our own Cantor Rayna Green! \$5 donation to Sisterhood preferred. Please RSVP to [Ethel Schmall](#) at 847-541-2128.

Do you find that life sometimes feels like a dizzying, stressful balancing act? Join us for **Zen on the Highwire** at the next **BJBE Stars** event on **Monday, May 23, at 7:30pm** as we learn from a professional how to refocus and revitalize. Our guest is **Paul Weitz**, who holds a master's in psychology and certifications in yoga. Follow this path to start your journey: Step 1 - [Click here](#) to RSVP. Step 2 - breathe. Step 3 - extend the effects by asking your spouse/partner to join you. Hosted by BJBE Stars for Business, [Margo Schwartz-Newton](#), and [Joel Newton](#); please contact

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them with any questions.

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(Sisterhood President)

Shabbat Torah Study: Leviticus & Numbers, Saturdays, 11:00am - 12:00pm, Instructors: Rabbi Karyn Kedar and Rabbi Brian Stoller

Talmud Study, Wednesdays, 7:45 - 9:00am; Instructor Rabbi Brian Stoller
For more information about the Center for Adult Learning, contact [Karyn Benson](#).

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YOUTH PROGRAMS

SYG

Comedy Sportz in the City, May 7, 5:30-11:00pm. 8th-12th graders are joining Congregation Emanuel for a night of fun and laughter in Chicago. For information and to sign up, contact [Eddie Simon](#). [Click here](#) for more information.

Want to uphold Jewish ideals from generation to generation.....Donate to the SGP in MARCH. We'll Match & DOUBLE your Mitzvot. Go to the BJBE website and click DONATE or contact [Elaine](#) in the BJBE office.

Shul-in, May 13, 8th-12th graders, after services we'll have **SYG Board Elections** and say good-bye to our seniors at our last sleepover of the year. Contact [Eddie](#) with questions and to sign up. [Click here](#) for more information.

KYG, JYG and SYG

Babysitters wanted. You asked for it, you got! We are putting together the names and contact information of BJBE teens who are interested in babysitting. Contact [Kelly Goldberg](#) if you would like to be included on a list that will be shared with Temple members in search of babysitters.

For questions or information about youth programs, please contact [Kelly Goldberg](#).

SERVICES

Mizmor L'Shabbat, Friday, May 6, 7:30pm, featuring our fabulous T'fillah band.

Shabbat mornings feature our Kol Shabbat service at 9:30am followed by Torah Study at 11:00am.

Join us to celebrate **Israel's 68th Birthday** (aka **Yom Ha'Atzmaut**) at our Shabbat Service, **Friday, May 13, 7:30 pm** followed by a special festive oneg.

Perform a **mitzvah** and become a **Shabbat Buddy!** There are BJBE members who are unable to drive at night but would like to attend **Friday Night Services**. If you are able to provide rides to and from Shabbat services for BJBE members that live close to you, please become a Shabbat Buddy by sending an email to the [BJBE office](#).

Wednesday Morning Minyan: Begin your day in a beautiful and powerful way by attending our Wednesday morning Minyan from **6:45am to 7:15am**. Each week we pray in the intimate space of the Chapel with Rabbi Stoller and a supportive, welcoming group. Experience a prayer service grounded in communal song, thought-provoking liturgy, and deep silence, followed by camaraderie over bagels and coffee. Morning Minyan participants have commented that this worship has connected to their lives in many unexpected and transformative ways. For more information, contact Rabbi Stoller. The weekday prayer melodies are [available here](#),

although all are welcome to attend regardless of musical or prayerbook knowledge.

Join us on the **3rd Wednesday of the month for Music Minyan and Supper Club**. The amazing **Soul Zimra**, featuring Andy Dennen, Marcus Newman and Gary Schaffel will lead the Music Minyan at **6:45pm**. Supper Club will precede minyan at 5:45pm. The next **Music Minyan is May 18**. Mark your calendars.

Services in both the Sacred Hall and Sanctuary are now streamed.. To view our live or recorded streams, [please click here](#). You may have to watch an initial commercial before the stream begins, but this is a free and open program accessible to anyone. To access: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/bibelive>. Questions? [Click here](#) to contact Arlene Mayzel.

DAYTIME AT BJBE

Wednesday Morning Minyan: Our weekday morning Minyan meets in the BJBE Chapel from **6:45 - 7:15am**. Contact [Rabbi Stoller](#) for an audio CD of the weekday prayer melodies.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation is a practice of cultivating an honest (emet) and loving (chesed) orientation towards our lived, present moment experience. Our clergy and Rabbis Jordan Bendat-Appel and Sam Feinsmith from Orot Chicago will draw upon the richness within Jewish tradition, as well as effective techniques of contemporary approaches to mindfulness meditation, to teach and offer this spiritual practice. Feel free to drop in or join us weekly, **Wednesdays 1:00-2:00 pm**; Weekly fee \$10.00. Please call Margot Andersen for information, 847-525-1710.

Thursday T'ai Chi Ch'uan: We offer a weekly Thursday morning T'ai Chi class led by Dr. Drew Serlin at 7:30am. There is no charge for these classes. **Please Note:** There will be no T'ai Chi Ch'uan class on 3/3/2016. Class will resume as usual on 3/10/2016.

SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK

We are collecting toiletries, batteries, hearing aids, eyeglasses, ink cartridges, and cell phones. Thank you for your generous donations. **We are NOT collecting used clothing at this time.**

May Tzedakah

[Keshet](#)

Keshet is the premier provider of educational, recreational, vocational and social programs for individuals with intellectual disabilities operating according to traditional Jewish values. Their mission is to enhance independence and integration to optimize personal potential.

CARING COMMUNITY

The Caring Community and CJE Senior Life are pleased to offer individual appointments at no charge with **Senior Health Insurance Counselor Esther Craven**. Esther has over 25 years of experience at CJE. As a benefits specialist, she offers assistance and advocacy in areas of Medicare, health insurance and resources for retirement. Individual appointments with Esther are available at BJBE on **Monday, May 16 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm**. Please email [Elaine Wexler](#) or call her in the temple office at 847.940.7575, ext. 135.

BJBE's Caring Community is a team of volunteers who can act as your extended family when your family needs additional support. Caring Community provides the following services: home delivered meals in times

of need, transportation to/from temple or a medical appointment, phone support for people who are ill or lonely, senior education and caregiver support, chicken or vegetable soups (always available in the kitchen!) and a virtual food pantry. To access these services confidentially, please call Gloria Kaiz at 847-945-3741.

BJBE is certified as a Safer Synagogue by Jewish Community Abuse Resources, Education & Solutions (JCARES). Our leadership has been trained in understanding the impact of abuse across the lifespan and improving access to support for congregants experiencing abusive situations. For more information, please contact the clergy at 847-940-7575.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interfaith Meeting, Wednesday, May 25, 7:30 pm. All are welcome to help determine 2016-17 Interfaith goals, programs, initiatives. With questions and to RSVP, contact [Kathy Leonard](#) or [Kelly Goldberg](#).

View the mid-month mailer online and help us be more green! You may now **opt-out of the paper version of the mid-month mailer**. Beginning in April, we will be offering the mid-month mailers online via the BJBE website. [Send us an email](#) with your name, email address and phone letting us know you would like to opt out of the paper version of the mid-month mailer. Note: If you do not choose to opt-out, you will continue to receive your paper version of the mid-month mailer via the US Mail.

Coming to BJBE for High Holy Days 2016 - Mishkan HaNefesh, Machzor for the Days of Awe. Please stop by the BJBE office to pick up pre-ordered books. **We also have books for sale in the office.** Payment is required at the time of purchase: regular print = \$38/set; large print = \$86/set.

BJBE Sisterhood wants you to know...Whatever you are celebrating.....whether it is a special birthday, anniversary, baby naming, auf ruf, new job, retirement, special trip or any life cycle occasion that you want to share with your temple family, consider sponsoring an oneg to share your simcha! BJBE Sisterhood will help you share your joy at the Friday night oneg shabbat after the service honoring your event. The fee is \$150 which includes our generous dessert trays as well as your name in the Shabbat Bulletin and a thank you at the end of services. You may contact [Sharon Silver](#) with any questions. Checks payable to BJBE Sisterhood. Thank You and Mazel Tov!

Book BJBE for your upcoming celebration!! Your spiritual home is also a premier venue with beautiful reception space in the Village Center, Sacred Hall and Courtyard. With completion of the Sanctuary, we have new opportunities available for you to celebrate your special events at BJBE. For information and reservations, contact [Arlene Mayzel](#) or by phone at 847.940.7575.

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Looking for a fun and easy way to meet other BJBE members? How about helping out in the Judaica Shop? Don't worry – we will train you. For information, please call Arlene Wineberg, 224-676-1112.

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