



**This Week at BJBE**

**November 23, 2015**

Dear Friends,

BJBE was proud to host the Community Memorial and Thanksgiving Service last night. Please [click here](#) to view the service.

At this time of year, it is traditional to express thanks for the good things in our lives and to help out those less fortunate. BJBE is currently offering many opportunities to help others: ongoing collections of eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones; the Chanukah Mitzvah Drive; cooking and serving at PADS; our 8th social action mission to NOLA; all youth group Mitzvah Day; and Nurture our North Shore Neighbors.

**[Please see sections below for information on these and other upcoming programs.](#)**

The BJBE office will be closed this Thursday and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving. There is no Hebrew School this week and no Religious School classes this Sunday. The building will be closed on Sunday.

Wishing you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving. Safe travels to all those who will be hitting the road this weekend.

L'Shalom

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## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**Tuesday Symposium: *Israel & American Religious Communities,***  
**Tuesdays, November 24, December 1, 8 & 15.**

**Tuesday, November 24 -A Presbyterian Perspective - Reverend Dr.**

**Quick Links**  
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BJBE Calendar

Jay Moses, Hope Presbyterian Church of Wheaton  
**December 1** - *A Baptist Perspective* - Pastor Chris Harris, Bright Star Church of Chicago  
**December 8** - *An Ethnic Muslim Perspective*, Hussein Aboubakr Mansour, Defense Language Institute of Monterey  
**December 15** - *A Catholic Perspective*, Sister Mary Ellen Coombe, Archdiocese of Chicago

What happens when you work on your business communication skills in a fun, artistic setting? We have no idea. But we're going to find out at our next **BJBE Stars for Business event -- "Show Me the Monet!" -- Tuesday night, December 1**. It's free to all BJBE members, so tell a friend, mark your calendars and RSVP to [Donna Price](#).

**NOLA Informational Meeting, Tuesday, December 1, 7:30pm.** Please see the Social Action Network section below for more details on the trip.

**Sunday Morning Adult Learning: *We are Interfaith: Jews by Birth, Jews by Choice & the Non-Jews Who Love Us*, Sundays, December 6 & 13, 9:45 - 10:45am.** Panel discussion facilitated by Kelly Goldberg. The interfaith community in Reform Judaism today is growing, and it includes many more people than we might think. Our panelists will discuss some of the challenges they face as interfaith families in navigating family relationships, raising children, Jewish practice, and finding their place in the congregation. These discussions will also focus on how BJBE can better meet the needs of our interfaith families.

Led by Rabbi Stoller, Cantor Green and Kelly Goldberg, please join us for this year's **Family Retreat, Living Courageously, January 8-10**. In *The Wizard of Oz*, the Cowardly Lion said that if he only had courage, he wouldn't be afraid of anything - "not nobody, not no how." But in truth, courage is not the absence of fear; courage is about doing what you believe is right even though you are afraid. Through fun family activities, thought-provoking adult study, and engaging programs for children, we will explore what it means to live courageously in our daily lives at school, at work, in our community, and in our relationships. The registration cost for adults is \$215 and for children it's \$90. **Registration and \$100 deposit is due by Friday, November 20** and Final payment is due by Monday, December 7. [Click here](#) for information. With questions and to register, contact [Sarah Duffin](#).

**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

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mindfulness meditation, to teach and offer this spiritual practice. Please join us weekly, **Wednesdays 1:00-2:00 pm starting January 13**, weekly fee \$10.00 Please call Margot Andersen for information, 847-525-1710.

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**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

Visit the [Adult Education Archives](#) on our website to view select programs.

For more information about the Center for Adult Learning, contact [Karyn Benson](#).

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### YOUTH PROGRAMS

Chanukah Mitzvah Drive for The Ark 11/15 - 12/13. Please help support our machoniks and 3rd-12th grade youth groupers collect toys, gift cards and personal items to be delivered to the Ark. Click here for the link to the flyer. Please look for bins marked Chanukah Mitzvah Drive by the front and back doors at BJBE and at Caruso.

Save the date, 3rd-12th graders, **All-Youth Group Mitzvah Day @BJBE, December 13, 2-4 pm**. Contact [Eddie](#) or [Lauren](#) with questions. [Click here](#) for the flyer.

### **SYG**

**January 22-24, SYG Retreat!** Join high school students from BJBE, Beth Am and Temple Chai for a fun-filled, meaningful and unforgettable weekend at OSRUI in Oconomowac, WI. Here's the flyer: Contact [Eddie Simon](#) with questions. [Click here](#) for a link to the flyer.

### **JYG/SYG**

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

### **SERVICES**

**Shabbat Service, Friday, November 27, 7:30pm**

Gus Manolis  
(Facility Manager)

Chime Costello  
(Rabbis' Assistant)

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(Reception/Administrative Assistant)

Debbie Heywood  
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### **Lay Leaders**

Gary Schaffel  
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(Sisterhood President)

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Why supporting the Sustaining Gifts Program - *Sustain, Support, Imagine* makes a difference -

*"During this time in our lives we have the capacity to help others, and it is a joy to be able to do that through the Sustaining Gifts Program. And we know that if our circumstances would change there would be others to step in and do the same for us."* Janis

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

**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.

On December 16 the amazing Soul Zimra, featuring Andy Dennen, Marcus Newman, and Gary Schaffel will lead the Music Minyan. Supper Club will precede minyan at 5:45 pm in December. 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/bjbelive>. Questions? [Click here](#) to contact Arlene Mayzel.*

## **MORNINGS 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.

**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.

## **SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK**

**Nurture our North Shore Neighbors.** BJBE is joining Moraine Township and local churches, synagogues and community groups to provide bags of food monthly to our neighbors in need. One sponsor per month from our congregation will provide a bag of groceries for 5 families - a total of 5 bags at approximately \$25 per bag. Sponsors are signing up now, and we're looking for March, April and May volunteers. A great Mitzvah project for our kids - a great mitzvah from any of those who want to participate! See details on the [attached flyer](#), and email [Laurie Weissler](#) or call (847-921-6047) if you'd like to sponsor a month.

Help continue our work in New Orleans! Join Cantor Green, Kelly Goldberg, and fellow BJBE congregants in our **eighth annual social action mission to New Orleans, March 10-13, 2016**. We will continue to strengthen interfaith relationships with Christian and Jewish groups in the Crescent City, form new friendships within our BJBE community, and help rebuild communities in need. Together, we will also explore and enjoy the unique city of New Orleans. Please join us for an **informational meeting** about the trip **Tuesday, December 1, 7:30-8:30 p.m.** For more information, please contact [Lara Kirts](#) or [Mike Goldberg](#).

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.**

### **November Tzedakah**

#### **[IsraAID](#)**

IsraAID, founded in 2001, is a non-profit, non-governmental organization committed to providing life-saving disaster relief and long term support. For over a decade, teams of professional medics, search & rescue squads, post-trauma experts and community mobilizers, have been first on the front lines of nearly every major humanitarian response in the 21st century. The mission is to efficiently support and meet the changing needs of populations as they strive to move from crisis to reconstruction/ rehabilitation, and eventually, to sustainable living.

### **CARING COMMUNITY**

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**

**Helpers Needed for Mailing. Tuesday, December 1 and Wednesday,**

**December 2 from 2:00-5:00pm** at BJBE. Please join us for schmoozing, snacks and stuffing envelopes. Should be fun. Contact [Marti Greenberg](mailto:Marti.Greenberg@gmail.com) at [martigreenberg@gmail.com](mailto:martigreenberg@gmail.com). Look forward to hearing from you.

**Kislev: It's my right to light!** Each year Rabbi Shmuel Rabinowitz, Administrator of the Western Wall and Holy Places, organizes the official Hanukkah candle-lighting ceremony at the Western Wall. Rabinowitz invites only men to have the honor of lighting and blessing the candles- and the ceremony is held in the men's section. Women are completely excluded from this state-sponsored event. This year, Women of the Wall is asking Israel's leaders to boycott this event and demand women's inclusion in the official Hanukkah candle-lighting ceremony at the Kotel. WOW is asking you to add your voice: *It's My Right to Light!* Celebrate Hanukkah this year by raising your voice. Ladies, **please bring your menorah to the Minyan and Sisterhood Board Meeting Wednesday, December 9. We will begin taking pictures at 7:00pm** and will send these to Israel as the BJBE Sisterhood and Community once again stand in support with Women of the Wall.

Registration for the 2016-17 **Preschool year** and **2016 Summer Camp** at BJBE's Early Childhood Program at the Chava Center is now open! New this year is the ability to register on-line! Paper registrations are available via the BJBE web site [www.bjbe.org](http://www.bjbe.org) and from [Susie Wexler](#). **Preschool families** have the option to register their 2 year old child to attend either 2 days/week or 3 days/week. Families of 3 year old children can enroll for 3 days/week, 4 days/week, or 5 days/week of attendance. **Summer Camp** families have the option to register their 2 year old child to attend either 2 days/week or 3 days/week. Families of 3 year old children can enroll for 3 days/week or 4 days/week of attendance. All registrations must be accompanied by a \$250 non-refundable deposit. Classes fill quickly. Click [here](#) to register for **Preschool** now! Click [here](#) to register for **Camp** now! For More information, contact [Susie Wexler](#), Early Childhood Director.

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.

### **JUDAICA (GIFT) SHOP**

We have the "**Mensch on a Bench**," a doll and book that tells the legend of how the Mensch helped Judah Maccabee. It teaches children what it means to be a mensch in a non-preachy way. The Mensch was seen on Shark Tank in 2014 and again recently and has been hailed as an outstanding product. We have it priced 10% lower than anywhere else in the area. Only a few available—don't miss out. It makes a great Chanukah gift for a small child.

**Hours for the Judaica Shop** are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30pm to 6:30pm, Sundays 9:30am to 11:30am, always after Friday night services and by special appointment. For information contact Lynne Kleiman, 847-215-1357 or Irene Schatz 847-729-8812.

**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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