



This Week at BJBE

August 3, 2015

Dear Friends,

Rabbi Karyn and Ezra Kedar invite you to join in celebrating the Aufruf of their daughter Shiri and Omri Bar Friday night at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. This will be a memorable musical Shabbat service with our fabulous Tefilah Band followed by a special celebratory oneg.

Our last prospective member event of the season is next Friday, August 14 with a 7:30pm Shabbat service followed by Dessert Under the Stars. And to all new members, we hope you will join us to meet new friends and experience one of the beautiful worship experiences BJBE offers.

Save the Date - August 24 - for the acclaimed documentary, *Above and Beyond* followed by a discussion led by Rabbi Kedar.

[See below for details on these and other upcoming programs.](#)

New Hebrew calendars are here! Thanks to Chicago Jewish Funerals for providing our congregants a beautiful 2 year calendar with the BJBE logo. Copies are available in the Village Center and office.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Resale is almost over! Come on over for half-price **Monday, August 3** from 12:00 to 7:00pm. [Click here](#) for information.

Brushstrokes: Discover your creative self and your compassionate self! Tuesday August 4, 7:00 - 9:00pm. Bring your curiosity and your adventurous spirit! The very action of doing something different invites us to accept and embrace ourselves. We will learn to paint beautiful leaves and integrate mindfulness. This promises to be a unique, fun and relaxing experience. Marla Snyder teaches a class called "Watercolor for Those Who Don't Think They Can" in surrounding communities and is the Studio Art teacher at Chicagoland Jewish High School. Margot Andersen is a

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social worker and resilience builder for the challenges of daily living. All art supplies will be provided. Cost is \$40.00. Please contact [Margot Andersen](#) to register.

Friday, August 7, 7:30pm. Share in Rabbi Karyn and Ezra Kedar's joy as they celebrate the Aufruf of their daughter Shiri Kedar and Omri Bar at the evening service, featuring BJBE's outstanding Tefilah Band. The celebration continues after the service with a special oneg in honor of Shiri and Omri's upcoming wedding in Israel. Please join us for this very special occasion.

Friday, August 7 through Sunday, August 9 Sisterhood is proud to host Fredi Bleeker Franks for Shabbat and Seussical Learning sessions. Fredi (and yes that is how she spells her name) is Vice President of Affiliate Services for the Women of Reform Judaism. She is from Houston, Texas, Congregation Emanu El. She has served as her Sisterhood President and President of the WRJ Southwest District and is a friend of the Stoller family. Join us for Shabbat Dinner and services on Friday, Kol Shabbat Service, lunch and learning sessions on Saturday and complimentary brunch and a final learning session on Sunday. We hope you will join us for all or part of the weekend. Registration for meals required - [click here](#) for flyer. Contact [Barbara Offenberg](#) for additional information.

Sisterhood Mah Jongg and Canasta: Please join us **Tuesday, August 11 from 1:00 - 4:00pm** for **Sisterhood Mah Jongg (2015 card) or Canasta** at BJBE. You do not need to be a member of Sisterhood to play. RSVP for Mah Jongg to [Terry Sachsel](#) and for Canasta to [Sharon Sabin](#).

Dessert Under the Stars: A Prospective Member Event, Friday, August 14, 7:30pm service followed by dessert in our beautiful courtyard. Please feel free to invite your friends and family looking to affiliate with a congregation. Questions? Please contact [Kelly Goldberg](#) or [Sarah Duffin](#) or call at 847.940.7575.

Above and Beyond, Monday, August 24, 7:00-9:00pm. Thanks to a generous donation from Max and Benny's, BJBE is proud to announce an exciting *free* film event at BJBE. We will be showing the critically acclaimed documentary, *Above and Beyond*, which tells the story of a group of Jewish American pilots who answered a call for help. In secret and at great personal risk, they smuggled planes out of the US., trained behind the Iron Curtain in Czechoslovakia and flew for Israel in its War of Independence. Rabbi Kedar will lead a lively discussion immediately following the film. Please contact [Mert Silbar](#) with questions.

Post Carpool Club will be going to **Botanic Garden, August 25, 6:00pm** for the **Music on the Esplanade Concert** with the Nia Jazz Quintet. Most members of this group are 65+. It's a great way to get to know other fun loving "mature" members of BJBE. Details in the July/August mid-month. For further information or to share ideas for future programming, please contact [Carol Berger](#) or 847 205-9793.

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Talmud Study: Tractate Berakhot (Blessings) 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](#).

YOUTH PROGRAMS

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

SERVICES

Shabbat Service, Friday, August 7, 7:30pm - Please join us for the first Mizmor L'Shabbat of the year, featuring our exceptional Tefilah Band followed by a special celebratory oneig in honor of the Aufruf of Shiri Kedar and Omri Bar.

Shabbat mornings feature our **Kol Shabbat** service at **9:30am** followed by **Torah Study at 11:00am** led by BJBE clergy. After 9:30am, please enter the building through the front doors only.

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 **Wednesdays 6:45pm - 7:15pm** in the Chapel for **Music Minyan**. This is a deeply spiritual way to transition into the evening. Make it part of your weekly worship. Experience beautiful music, pray together in community and be present for fellow congregants who need to say Kaddish. All Wednesday evening Music Minyans are led with creativity and harmony by talented members of our congregation. The musical group Soul Zimra; Andy Dennen, Marcus Newman, and Gary Schaffel lead on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Susan Diamond leads sing-along style using video on second Wednesdays. Fourth Wednesdays are led by our younger musical congregants, ideal for young families. Fifth Wednesdays congregants can participate in the service via Skype. Contact [Sue Diamond](#) for the call in number. Every Musical Minyan is a joy-filled experience you don't want to miss.

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

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Judy

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

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

August Tzedakah Maot Chitim

The mission of Maot Chitim of Greater Chicago, Inc. is to assist needy members of the Greater Chicagoland Jewish community with Passover and High Holiday and other food related needs, so that they may observe the holidays and daily life in a traditional and dignified manner. The mission is also to provide a Tzedakah (charity) vehicle to unite all members of the Jewish Community.

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 the following **Mondays, August 24, October 26 and November 23 from 5:00 - 7:00pm**. 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

BJBE Sisterhood: Our 2015-16 membership year is just beginning, and we want you to be a part of all of the exciting programs and events planned for this year. Your paid dues help us support BJBE in many ways, as well as reserve your seat at our annual Membership Dinner on October 14. We look forward to your membership and friendship. Please send your dues to: Terry Sachsel, 9386 Landings Lane Unit 105, Des Plaines, IL 60016-5271 or bring them to the temple office. Contact [Susj](#) with questions. [Click here](#) to join.

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 Event Coordinator [Gayle Jan](#) or by phone at 847.940.7575.

JUDAICA (GIFT) SHOP

Come see our lovely selection of crystal gifts for the home, specially priced at \$20-\$40.

Summer hours for the Judaica Shop are Wednesdays from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, 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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