



## Shabbat Va'yera

## TORAH

Genesis 18:1 - 22:24

## TRIENNIAL

Genesis 19:1 - 20:18

## HAFTARAH

II Kings 4:1 - 4:37

## Next week:

Parashat Hayei Sarah  
Mevarkhim Ha'Hodosh

## TORAH

Genesis 23:1 - 25:18

## TRIENNIAL

Genesis 24:10 - 24:52

## HAFTARAH

I Kings 1:1 - 1:31

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY  
OF THE WEEK:

## West Side Israel Fair

Saturday, November 2, 8:00 PM - 12:30 PM  
and Sunday, November 3, 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM, at the Manhattan Day School, 310 West 75th Street: Join BJ and the West Side Community in support of Israel. Just in time for Hanukkah, the fair will feature over 40 Israeli merchants and artisans selling a vast array of quality items, a Sunday morning children's program, a raffle and great food. Also needed are volunteers to help with set-up and assisting vendors. To volunteer and for more info, call Anne Kohn at x240. Please join us!

## RABBIS

Marshall T. Meyer (1985-1993)

J. Rolando Matalon • Marcelo R. Bronstein • Felicia L. Sol

## CANTOR &amp; MUSIC DIRECTOR

Ari Priven

## MARSHALL T. MEYER RABBINIC FELLOWS

Rabbi Rachel Gartner • Meir Feldman • Jessica Zimmerman

## October 25 – November 1, 2002

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
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Shabbat B'Yahad Dinner  
with Dr. Moshe Halbertal

6:00 PM – 88th St.  
6:45 PM – 86th St.  
after 6:00 PM service – 88th St.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Service  
Children's Services  
Bar Mitzvah  
Bat Mitzvah  
Naming of:

9:30 AM – 86th St.  
10:45 AM – 86th St.  
Ben Feldberg  
Elizabeth Klein  
Rebecca Eliana Ackerman  
Julia Emma Schwarz  
5:00 PM – 86th St.

## Shabbat Learning

with Dr. Moshe Halbertal

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Morning Minyan  
Nuestra Cuba

9:30 AM – 88th St.  
5:30 PM – 88th St.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

Morning Minyan  
Intro to Judaism  
with Rabbi Rachel Gartner  
Aesthetics and Spirituality  
Re-Tale: History of the Torah Service  
Choir Rehearsal

7:30 AM – 88th St.  
7:00 PM – 86th St.  
7:00 PM – 9 E. 75th St. #3C  
8:00 PM – 86th St.  
8:00 PM – 88th St.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Morning Minyan  
Talmud Introduction  
Intermediate Hebrew  
God's Resume  
with Rabbi Felicia Sol  
Creating a Space for the Contemplative  
with Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Rachel Cowan

7:30 AM – 88th St.  
8:15 AM – 88th St.  
6:30 PM – 86th St.  
7:00 PM – 86th St.  
6:00 PM – 88th St.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Morning Minyan  
Kesharim  
Theology and Meaning in the Prayerbook  
with Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon  
Singles Volunteer Meeting  
LeDor VaDor Workshop for Adult Children  
Book Reading with Thane Rosenbaum

7:30 AM – 88th St.  
2:00 PM – 88th St.  
6:30 PM – 88th St.  
7:00 PM – Montana Building  
7:00 PM – 86th St.  
7:30 PM – 88th St.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

Morning Minyan  
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program  
Beginner Hebrew  
Advanced Beginner Hebrew  
Parashat HaShavu'a  
with MTM Rabbinic Fellows Meir Feldman and Jessica Zimmerman  
Creating a Meaningful Relationship

7:30 AM – 88th St.  
12:00 PM – 88th St.  
6:30 PM – 86th St.  
8:00 PM – 86th St.  
7:00 PM – 86th St.  
7:00 PM – call x240 for location

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The community of B'nai Jeshurun expresses its sincere condolences to:

- Blanche Zaia on the death of her beloved brother, Lester J. Weiss.
- Cindy Wachenheim on the death of her beloved mother, Estelle Wachenheim.
- Ilene Katz on the death of her beloved mother, Irene Katz.
- Henry Kleiman on the death of his beloved wife, Frances Kleiman.

**Mazal Tov To The Following Members And Their Families:**

- Ben, Michael, Rachel, and Jesse Feldberg and Ruth Lazarus on Ben becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Elizabeth, Harriet and Jeff Klein on Elizabeth becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Alexandra, Joel and Isabel Ackerman on the naming of their daughter and sister, Rebecca Eliana.
- Glenda, Raymond and Laura Schwarz on the naming of their daughter and sister, Julia Emma.
- Harry and Paris Stulbach on the birth of their twin daughters, Amalia and Orly.
- Karen and Sy Zivan on the arrival of their grandson, Brayen Esau Zivan, son of Debbie Zivan and Cheryl Jeffrey.
- Mara Reinhardt and Steven Hoffman on their upcoming wedding.
- Bernice Levine on her special birthday.
- Rabbi Sidney and Hilda Greenberg on their 60th wedding anniversary.

**B'ruchim Haba-im To:**

- Ken Itzkowitz, Susan Hagstrom and Confirmation Class, Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, Hingham, Massachusetts.
- Marcia Goldstein, Director of Lifelong Learning, and Confirmation Class, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Rabbis Dennis and Sandy Sasso and Confirmation Class, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Indianapolis, Indiana.

## LIMUD/LEARNING

**ONGOING CLASSES** To Register, visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org), or call x256.

**Ani L'Dodi - I Am For My Beloved**

**3 Thursdays, November 7 - November 21**, 7:30 PM, at Apt. #14G, Montana Building, on Broadway between 87th and 88th Streets: We fall in love, get married, and hope to have a meaningful relationship with our spouse and create a loving family life. Do we know how to make this dream come true? What makes a marriage work? We will explore these topics from a Jewish perspective. Taught by MTM Rabbinic Fellow Meir Feldman and Juliana Neiman, therapist. Cost: Free; registration required. Code: 366.

**Prayer and Synagogue Skills**

**2 Thursdays, November 7 and 14**, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: What is the structure of the service? In this workshop, we will explore the choreography of the service and discuss how we can find meaning in the rigidity of prayer. Cost: free/\$30. Code: 313.

**Theology and Meaning in the Prayerbook**

**Six Wednesdays, October 29 - December 11**, 6:30 PM (last class 6:00 PM), at 88th Street: In a continuing journey through the Siddur, this class will examine the text, history, and meaning of the Shabbat evening prayers. Taught by Rabbi Rolando Matalon. Cost: Free - registration required. Code: 305. Please pre-register by calling x256.

**Creating a Space for the Contemplative**

**Three Tuesdays, October 29 - November 12**, 6:00 PM, at 88th Street: This class creates a sacred space of peace and reflection. Taught by Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Rachel Cowan. Cost: Free; registration required. Code: 322.

## FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE

<b>Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service</b>	6:00 PM – 88th Street
<b>Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service</b>	6:45 PM – 86th Street
<b>Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service</b>	6:00 PM – 88th Street
<b>Friday, November 1</b>	
<b>Wandering Minyan</b>	6:00 PM – 88th Street
<b>Friday, November 1</b>	
<b>Tot Shabbat</b>	5:45 PM – 86th Street
<b>Friday, November 15</b>	
<b>Saturday Shabbat Service</b>	9:30 AM – 86th Street

## Visiting Rabbinical Student Needs Accommodation

If you live within walking distance of BJ and can host Yonatan Szewskis, an Argentine rabbinical student, from December 20 - March 10, please call Helen at x233.

## This Week 's Kiddush is Sponsored By:

- Ruth Lazarus and Michael Feldberg in honor of Ben becoming a Bar Mitzvah and Harriet and Jeff Klein in honor of Elizabeth becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Rabbi Sidney and Hilda Greenberg in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.
- The Goldberg family, Richard Levine, the Reimer-Sherman family, Peter Salzman and Rhonda Bailey, the Schloss family, and JoAnn and Susie Tasman, with love in honor of Bernice Levine on her special birthday.

## LIMUD ACTIVITIES

**StorahTelling: O Well - The Tale of Rebecca**

**Saturday, November 2**, 10:30 AM, at 86th Street in the Social Hall: Join us for StorahTelling - a ritual performance of the weekly Torah reading with Amichai Lau-Lavie and the StorahTelling Troupe inside the Tent of Meeting. Registration not required.

**Mevarkhim HaHodesh**

**Saturday, November 2**, after services, at 86th Street: In anticipation of the renewal of the moon and the beginning of a new Hebrew month, we will gather for a special kiddush and learning, singing, and storytelling led by Shoshana Jedwab. Registration not required.

**Book Club November Meeting**

**Sunday, November 3**, 7:00 PM, at the Montana, on Broadway between 87th and 88th: BJ's Book Group, Mo'adon HaSefer HaTov, will meet to discuss Thane Rosenbaum's novel *The Golems of Gotham*, which he will present to the community on October 30. All are welcome; registration not required.

**Rosh Hodesh Women's Group**

**Monday, November 4**, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: Join us on this holiday traditionally associated with women as we usher in the Hebrew month of Kislev. Registration not required. For more info, call x222.

**COMMUNITY Teacher-in-Residence: Dr. Moshe Halbertal**

•**Friday, October 25**, after 6:00 PM services at 88th Street: For those who registered, please join us for dinner and teaching on *The Controversy over Controversy: Mishnaic Perspectives*, by teacher-in-residence Dr. Moshe Halbertal.

•**Saturday, October 26**, 5:00 PM, 86th Street: Join Teacher-in-Residence Dr. Moshe Halbertal for Shabbat learning on *Religion and Violence: Monotheism's Role*. Registration not required.

**COMMUNITY Nuestra Cuba (Our Cuba)**

**Sunday, October 27**, 5:30 PM, at 88th Street: Join the BJ Latin America Committee for a multimedia presentation about the recent BJ trip to Cuba, plus a special showing of Rhonda Mitrani's film, *Cuba Mia*. Admission is free. For more info, or to be added to our email list, please call x371 or email to BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com.

**COMMUNITY BJ Musician's Havurah**

**Tuesday, October 29**, 7:00 PM, at 86th Street in the Social Hall: Bring your instruments, favorite music, your spirit and style. Share and teach your music. Jam with and meet other BJ members who are inspired by and love playing Jewish music. For more info, contact: Matt Fried at MattF@aol.com or Matt Turk at matt@turktunes.com. **Note new location:** 86th Street in the Social Hall.

**COMMUNITY LeDor VaDor Workshop for Adult Children**

**Wednesday, October 30**, 7:00 PM, at 86th Street, in the Parlor: The LeDor VaDor Committee is pleased to present a talk by Dr. Frieda Plotkin entitled *How To Tune In and Listen So Parents Can Talk, and Talk So Parents Will Listen*. Frieda Plotkin, Ph.D., analyst and author, focuses on intergenerational communication and helping families deal meaningfully as they wrestle with turbulent emotions in making decisions with and for their parents. Questions from the audience will be addressed. For more info, call x377.

**COMMUNITY Book Reading with Thane Rosenbaum**

**Wednesday, October 30**, 7:30 PM, at 88th Street: The entire BJ community is invited to a reading by distinguished novelist and BJ member Thane Rosenbaum, who will read from his new novel, *The Golems of Gotham*, and answer questions. This novel, set on the Upper West Side, links themes of Jewish history, renewal, post-Holocaust trauma, mysticism and music. Registration not required.

**COMMUNITY Shabbat Guests: Yoel Sharon and Avi Ohry**

**Friday, November 1**, at the 6:45 PM service: We will host Yoel Sharon, a disabled veteran of the Yom Kippur War, and Professor Avi Ohry, head of the Rehabilitation Department at Tel Ha-Shomer Medical Center. They are the founders of Etgarim, an organization that provides outdoor sports and recreational activities for the disabled. They are in the city to accompany Etgarim participants racing in the New York Marathon on November 3.

**COMMUNITY BJ Prospective Members Oneg**

**Friday, November 1**, after the 6:45 PM service, at 86th Street, in the Board Room: Why should I join BJ? Come learn more about B'nai Jeshurun and why membership is such an important part of being involved in the community at the next Prospective Members Oneg. For more info, call Hillary Oberstein at x224.

**COMMUNITY An Evening with James Wolfensohn**

**Wednesday, November 6**, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: Join us for a special evening with James Wolfensohn, President of the World Bank, for a talk, *What the World Looks Like to Me*. As President of the World Bank, Mr. Wolfensohn has traveled to more than 100 countries to gain first-hand experience of the challenges

facing the World Bank's member countries. Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Wolfensohn also initiated the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative (HIPC) as the first comprehensive debt-reduction program to address the needs of the world's poorest countries. All welcome!

**COMMUNITY BJ's Semi-Annual Blood Drive**

**Wednesday, November 13**, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM, at 88th Street: Pekuah Nefesh (save a life) by donating blood at the BJ Blood Drive. There is currently a shortage of blood in New York City. As it is written in the Talmud (Tractate Sanhedrin): "If one saves a single soul...[this person] is credited with saving an entire world." By donating blood, you offer the gift of life to three or four people as the blood is broken down into components. A Photo ID is necessary. To sign up, please contact chairs Trudi Levine and Sharon Messitte at x373. This is a mitzvah unlike all others.

**COMMUNITY BJ/SPSA Interfaith Theatre Project**

Calling all actors, singers, and dancers - you are invited to audition for the BJ/SPSA Interfaith Theatre Project. The Interfaith Arts Committee will be presenting a unique play in December and January with music and dance based on interviews with New Yorkers of different faiths. If you would like to audition, please contact casting director Doug Shearer at (917) 930-1904. Auditions will take place at SPSA during the last week of October and the first week of November. We are also looking for audition and rehearsal pianists.

**HEBREW SCHOOL**

•**Kitah Gimmel Shabbat Dinner: Friday, November 1**, after the 6:00 PM Family Kabbalat Shabbat service, at 86th street: We invite all BJHS Kitah Gimmel (third grade) families to sign up for a special Shabbat dinner and program. Please RSVP as soon as possible by sending in a check (\$20 adults/\$10 children) and call x241 to confirm your reservation.

•**Kitah Aleph Lunch: Saturday, November 16:** Families with first grade children are invited to join us for Children's Services, 10:45 AM, at 86th St., and a Shabbat meal, 12:30 PM, at 88th St. Sign up required. RSVP by **November 8**. Send a check and confirm your reservation by calling x241. Cost: \$20 adults/\$10 children.

**SINGLES Singles Volunteer Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 30**, 7:00 PM, at the Montana, Broadway between 87th and 88th: Want to get more involved? Join us for the first meeting of the year. Call x306 to RSVP.

**SINGLES Intimate At-Home Catered Dinner**

**November 15**, after the 6:00 PM service: Join us for a At-Home Catered Shabbat dinner for singles and couples. This has been a favorite way to make new friends and share Shabbat in groups of 12-18. BJ members who live on the UWS (within a 15 block radius of BJ) are also needed to host. Host volunteers should call the Singles Voicemail at x306 ASAP. The deadline to be a host is **November 1**; to be a guest is **November 8**. For more info and to register, pick up a flyer in the back of the sanctuary or visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). Co-sponsored with the Hakhnasat Orhim Committee.

**SINGLES Thanksgiving Oneg**

**Friday, November 8**, after the 6:45 PM service, at 86th Street: Kick off a month of Thanksgiving, football and fun by meeting that someone special to share this season's offerings with you and shmooze at our monthly gathering. Refreshments served. SEE YOU THERE!

**West Side Israel Fair**

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**Shelter Volunteer Orientation**

**Monday, November 11, 6:30 PM**, at 88th Street: Are you a new shelter volunteer? Thinking about volunteering? Have you pledged to work for the shelter? Or do you want to update your shelter-related skills? Come to the orientation for shelter volunteers. Please RSVP by email to Anne Millman at anniemill@aol.com or leave a message at x340.

**Frequent Flier Miles Needed**

The BJ Latin America Committee is trying to send a talented young leader of the Cuban Jewish community to the Limmud Jewish Learning Conference in the UK this December. If you can donate 40,000 frequent flier miles (in return for a tax-deduction, based on the fair market value of the flight) please call x371 or send an email to BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com.

**Beit Rabban Open House**

**Monday, October 28, 8:00 PM**, at 8 West 70th Street: Beit Rabban features small classes, committed teachers, respect for individual learning styles and offers non-graded evaluations. Hebrew language

**October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**If you or someone you love is a victim of domestic violence, the Shalom Task Force can help.** The Shalom Task Force is a telephone hotline staffed by trained religious Jewish women who provide a sympathetic ear and referrals to psychological, financial or legal counseling, job placement agencies, shelters, and more. The staff communicates in Yiddish, Hebrew, Spanish, Hungarian, Russian, and English. The Shalom Task Force also provides educational programs to young women and girls, rabbis, mikvah attendants, and Jewish communities across the country. **CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE: 1-718-337-3700.** Outside of NYC (Toll Free): 1-888-883-2323. Donations can be made to: Shalom Task Force, PO Box 137, Bowling Green Station, New York, NY 10274-0137. For general info, call (212) 742-1478.

immersion begins in Kindergarten. Interested families are invited to an open house. For more info, please call 595-1386 and speak to Sharon Laufer.

**JACS** (Jewish Alcoholics Chemically Dependent and Significant Persons) is holding its retreat November 1 - 3 for Jews in recovery or who have been affected by addiction. For more info, e-mail Chaya at clung@jbfcs.org or call 212 397-4197.

**Saturday Morning Ushers Needed**

If you can usher on Saturday mornings, please call Deborah at x254.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Large Print Texts**

Large print siddurim are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please ask an usher for assistance if you would like one.

**A Note from the Ushers**

For those attending the Friday night service at 88th St., please return your siddurim to the back of the sanctuary as you leave and please place damaged books or tallitot in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary. We also ask that all men wear kippot during services.

For the comfort and safety of all, please refrain from wearing perfume or heavily scented products at services.

*We attempt to be as accurate as possible concerning the information contained in the Kol Jeshurun. Due to the tight deadlines under which we work, errors can sometimes occur. We apologize in advance for any mistakes.*

**A Teaching from Parashat Va'yera**

**And Avraham said, "My Lord, if I find favor in your eyes, please pass not away from your servant" (Bereshit 18:1).**

A midrash teaches that at the beginning of our parashah, God is performing bikkur holim, that is, God is visiting Avraham as he is healing from his circumcision. During God's visit, the three travelers pass Avraham and Sarah's tent. In the midrash upon which the M'eor Eynayim's teaching is based, Avraham is understood as addressing God when he implores, "Pass not away" while he goes to attend to the travelers. The Me'or Eynayim teaches: In the tractate Shabbat: "Rabbi Yehudah said in the name of Rav: 'The welcoming of guests is greater than greeting the Shekhina,' for Torah says, 'Pass not away, I pray you, from your servant.'" We must understand how Rav's claim that making guests welcome is greater than greeting the Shekhina (God's presence)...Might we say that in the performing of the mitzvah (of welcoming guests) one also evokes the presence of the Shekhina? Commandments, after all...join the part of God that dwells within the person with the infinite God beyond. It may be then that the mitzvah is not really greater than greeting the Shekhina, but rather that the mitzvah contains the Shekhina, and when we fulfill it, we have (actualized) both (the commandment and God's presence)...Could we not also say that in the greeting of the guests there is the receiving of the Shekhina. This is especially so, since the righteous are called "the face of the Shekhina" in the Zohar, as God's presence dwells within them. May we perform mitzvot, and indeed all our actions with the kavannah (intention) of uniting that which is holy within us with the holiness of God that is beyond us.

And may we approach every person in our lives as we would approach the very presence of God.

**PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY FOR FLYERS AND MORE INFO ON:**

- Welcome to BJ • Membership at BJ • Membership Packets • BJ Annual Catalogue • Limud Catalogue • Bikkur Holim • New Havurot Applications
- Upcoming Singles Events • Israel Day Fair • LeDor VaDor Workshop for Adult Children • November 15 At-Home Catered Dinner Sign-up Form