



Shabbat Vayetze

TORAH

Genesis 28:10 - 32:3

TRIENNIAL

Genesis 30:14 - 31:16

HAFTARAH

Hosea 12:13 - 14:10

Next week: Parashat Vayishlah

TORAH

Genesis 32:4 - 36:43

TRIENNIAL

Genesis 34:1 - 35:15

HAFTARAH

Obadiah 1:1 - 1:21

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY
OF THE WEEK:

On-the-Road Mitzvah:

When you travel during this holiday season, we encourage you to collect the complimentary trial-sized toiletries provided by your hotel and donate them to the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program.

We welcome unopened sample-sized toiletries including shampoo, conditioner, soaps, shower caps, perfumes, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. All items will be distributed to our guests at the Thursday Judith Bernstein Lunch Program. Help make a difference! Please drop off donations at the BJ Office - 100A West 89th Street - during business hours, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

RABBIS

Marshall T. Meyer (1985-1993)

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

CANTOR & MUSIC DIRECTOR

Ari Priven

MARSHALL T. MEYER RABBINIC FELLOWS

Rabbi Rachel Gartner • Meir Feldman • Jessica Zimmerman

November 15 – November 22, 2002

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Tot Shabbat	5:45 PM – 86th St.
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 PM – 88th St.
<i>ASL Interpreted</i>	
At Home Catered Shabbat Dinners	after 6:00 PM service – at hosts' homes
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:45 PM – 86th St.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Shabbat Services	9:30 AM – 86th St.
Children's Services	10:45 AM – 86th St.
Bar Mitzvah	Noah Dlugacz
Bat Mitzvah	Jolie Roberts
Baby naming	Sophia Gabriella Freed
LeDor VaDor Intergenerational Lunch	12:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
Kitah Aleph Lunch	12:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Merkavah: Torah of Peace	7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
Concert and Video	

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88th St.
Tour of Central Park	11:00 AM – meet at 72nd St. and CPW
Gesher	5:00 PM – 88th St.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Intro to Judaism	7:00 PM – 86th St.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Talmud Introduction	8:15 AM – 88th St.
Intermediate Hebrew	6:30 PM – 86th St.
God's Resume	7:00 PM – 86th St.
BJ Musician's Havurah	7:00 PM – 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Kesharim	2:00 PM – 88th St.
Theology and Meaning in the Prayerbook	6:30 PM – 88th St.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program	12:00 PM – 88th St.
Beginner Hebrew	6:30 PM – 86th St.
Advanced Beginner Hebrew	8:00 PM – 86th St.
Masekhet Kiddushin	7:00 PM – 88th St.
Creating a Meaningful Relationship	7:00 PM – call x240 for location
Ani L'Dodi	7:30 PM – Montana Building

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Allen Kaye on the death of his beloved mother, Phyllis Kobelowsky.
- Linda Aufseher on the death of her beloved daughter, Anita Lois Aufseher.

Mazal Tov To The Following Members And Their Families:

- Noah, Luisa, Henry, and Isaac Dlugacz on Noah becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Jolie and Elana Roberts, Jeff Roberts, and family on Jolie becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Natanya and Laurence Freed on the naming of their daughter, Sophia Gabriella Freed.
- Rabbi Lev, Lisa and Alana Herrnson on the birth of their son and brother, Jesse.

B'rulkhim Haba-im To:

- Rabbi Martin Beifield and Confirmation Class, Congregation Beth Ahavah, Richmond, Virginia.
- Professor Hezi Brosh and students from Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY.

Todah Rabbah To:

- The 2002 NY Race for the Cure BJ Team, which raised \$2192 for breast cancer research and awareness, doubling last year's result.
- Robin Aronow, Dennis Adler and family and the Kallen-Piazza family for Shabbat flowers on November 2 in honor of their children Nathan and Maia becoming B'nai Mitzvah.

Please note: The Parasha HaShavu'ah class is cancelled for November 21 and November 28. This class will resume Thursday, December 5.

FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 PM – 88th Street
Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:45 PM – 86th Street
Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service <i>Friday, December 6</i>	6:00 PM – 88th Street
Wandering Minyan <i>Friday, December 6</i>	6:00 PM – 88th Street
Tot Shabbat <i>Friday, November 20</i>	5:45 PM – 86th Street
Saturday Shabbat Service	9:30 AM – 86th Street

Kol Nidre Donations Online!

You can now make a contribution to the Kol Nidre Partnership online! Whether you have already made a pledge and would like to pay with your credit card or if you haven't pledged yet and would like to contribute, go to www.bj.org and look in the "What's New" section. Because membership dues cover less than half of BJ's operating budget, the community depends on your continued and increased generosity to the Kol Nidre Partnership.

Friday Night Monthly Study Group Havurah for BJ members 40-60

November 22, 7:00 PM: After a potluck dinner, we will have our first meeting to discuss both the type of group we want to develop and a topic related to Judaism. We also hope the group will engage in a service activity connected to BJ. Please call Jerry at (212) 595-2260 if you are interested.

LIMUD/LEARNING

CLASSES To Register, visit www.bj.org.

ACTIVITIES

Hanukkah: Festival of Lights: A Celebration of...?

Sunday, November 24, 6:00 PM, at 88th Street: Traditionally it is thought that Hanukkah celebrates the miracle of the oil in the re-dedicated temple lasting 8 days. But sources describing the re-dedication do not mention the miracle. What does this holiday celebrate? Why is it 8 days? How did it become associated with lights and lighting the hanukkah? Taught by Ruth Fagen, a member of the Jewish studies faculty at Abraham Joshua Heschel School. Cost: \$20 members/\$40 non-members. Code: 318. Please register by **Monday, November 18** online at www.bj.org.

Creating Modern Midrash

8 Wednesdays, December 4 - February 5 (no class December 25, January 1), 7:30 PM, at 86th Street: This creative writing workshop is based on the Biblical text, but departs from it to a raw and complex universe. We will try to connect to the text in a personal and evocative way to allow the artist to talk. Participants will be expected to write and read out loud in class. Taught by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Thane Rosenbaum. Cost: free. Registration required. Code: 308.

Theology and Meaning in the Prayerbook

Three Wednesdays, November 20 - December 11, 6:30 PM (last class 6:00 PM), at 88th Street: This class examines the history of the Shabbat evening prayers. Taught by Rabbi Rolando Matalon. Cost: Free. Code: 305. **Note: no class Wednesday, November 27.**

Masekhet Kiddushin: Launching our Communal Beit Midrash Patuah

Thursday, November 21, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: Join us as we begin our communal study of Masekhet Kiddushin. Texts, commentaries and guiding questions will be provided to members via the mail or BJ's website to support learning of this text in a variety of settings. All are invited to gather for the first monthly shi'ur/beit midrash and the launching of this new endeavor. Please call Rabbi Sol at x222 if you have any questions.

Shabbat Afternoon Talk and Havdalah with Rabbi Naomi Levy

Saturday, November 23, 4:30 PM, at 86th St.: Join us for a talk and book signing with Rabbi Naomi Levy, author of *To Begin Again*. Rabbi Levy, the first female Conservative rabbi to head a pulpit on the West Coast, will talk about her new book *Talking to God - A Book of Prayers for Many of Life's Joys and Pains*. Free. Registration not required.

Mevarkhim HaHodesh Learning

Saturday, November 30, after services, at 88th Street, in Frankel Hall: 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.

Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

Thursday, December 5, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: Join us on this holiday traditionally associated with women as we usher in the Hebrew month of Tevet. Registration not required.

COMMUNITY

•Intimate At-Home Catered Dinner

Friday, November 15, after the 6:00 PM service: For those who have registered, please proceed to your host's home.

•Ledor Vador Shabbat Intergenerational Lunch

Saturday, November 16, 1:00 PM, at 88th St. in the Sanctuary: For those who pre-registered, please join us for our intergenerational lunch and music .

•Merkavah: Torah of Peace

Saturday, November 16, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: Join Gabriel Meyer and Amir Paiss for a spiritual musical journey through the soul of Israel. The video *Sulha - Reconciliation and Healing of the Children of Abraham* will also be shown. Cost: \$15/\$10 students and seniors, payable at the door.

•A Central Park Tour

Sunday, November 17, 11:00 AM - meet at the northeast corner of 72nd St. and Central Park West: Start your Sunday morning with a special tour of Central Park lead by our very own Executive Director, Deborah Pinsky, an official Central Park Conservancy docent. Our tour will also feature Sandee Brawarsky, author of "212 Views of Central Park: Experiencing New York's Jewel from Every Angle". In case of rain, meet at Rizzoli's Book Store, 31 W. 57th St., 12:30 PM.

•BJ Musician's Havurah

Tuesday, November 19, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: BJ Musicians, welcome! Here's an opportunity for the musicians among us to meet each other, play the songs and music we love, and share our musical knowledge, passions and talent. Bring your instrument and come jam, teach, and compose with us. For more info, contact Matt Fried at mattf@aol.com or Matt Turk at matt@turktunes.com.

•Beyond Argentina Shabbat Dinner

Friday, November 22, after 6:00 PM services, at 88th Street: Join the BJ Latin America Committee for a Shabbat dinner with Dr. William Recant of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Dr. Recant will speak about the growing economic crisis affecting Latin American Jewry. Cost: \$35 BJ members/\$45 non members, if space is available. sign up through **Tuesday, November 19** at www.bj.org or call x371.

•Neshama Carlebach in Concert

Saturday, November 23, 8:00 PM, at MS 141, West 237th Street in Riverdale: Come celebrate the music of Neshama Carlebach with Congregation Tehillah of Riverdale. Tickets: \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door; or \$50 for sponsors who receive reserved seats and a CD. For tickets, call Miriam at (718) 543 - 9033 and send your check to Congregation Tehillah, POB 6, Bronx, NY, 10471.

•Israeli Children's Art Show - Peace through Humor

Opening Sunday, December 8, 2:00 PM, at 88th Street in Frankel Hall: An exhibition of Israeli children's art from schools all over Israel will be on display from December 8 to January 8. The theme explores children's reactions to the current turmoil in Israel. Sponsored by the Miriam L. Siroky Fund for Family Education.

Visiting Scholar: Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller

•**Friday, December 13**, after the 6:00 PM service, at 88th Street: Join us as we welcome Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller, director of the UCLA Hillel and an instructor in Kabbalah and Talmud at the University of Judaism, who will give a talk on *Love the Convert: Maimonides Theology of Conversion*. Register online by December 6. Or register by calling x304 **AND** send a check to the BJ office. Cost:

\$25 members/ \$35 non-members; after deadline: \$10 late fee.

Saturday, December 14, 4:00 PM, at 88th Street: Join us for Shabbat learning with Rabbi Seidler-Feller called *On the Morality of the Patriarchs: Alienation and Tikku*. Registration not required.

HEBREW SCHOOL

•Kitah Aleph Lunch

Saturday, November 16, 12:30 PM, in Frankel Hall: For those who pre-registered, please join us for Shabbat lunch.

•Kitah Vav Shabbat Dinner

Friday, November 22, after the 6:00 PM service, at 86th St.: We invite all BJHS Kitah Vav families to sign up for a special Shabbat dinner. Cost: \$20 adults/\$10 children. Please RSVP by sending in your check and calling x241 to confirm your reservation.

FAMILIES

•Family Hanukkah Party

Sunday, December 1, 4:00 PM, at the Heschel School in the gym, 270 West 89th Street: Join us for an interactive musical show for all ages featuring Dan Cohen, aka Danna Banana. We will light candles, sing, and eat latkes and sufganiyot at 5:30 PM. Families are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to the Hanukkah celebration to be distributed to homeless children at the Partnership for the Homeless holiday party later in the month. For more info, call Hollis x244.

•Families Cooking for the Shelter

Tuesday, December 17, 5:00 PM, at 88th Street in Frankel Hall: This month, families with children in kindergarten are invited to prepare a meal for guests of BJ's Homeless Shelter, set the table together, and conclude with an age-appropriate study about the mitzvah of feeding the hungry. Please call Beth Kern at 724-5336 to volunteer.

•Tot Shabbat

Friday, December 20, 5:45 PM, at SPSA: Join us for our monthly Tot Shabbat, a service for families with children 5 and under, followed by a light kiddush in the Parlor. For more info about Tot Shabbat, please contact Hollis at x244 or hgauss@bj.org.

SINGLES

•Tuesdays with Morrie

Wednesday, December 11, 8 PM, at the Minetta Lane Theatre, 18 Minetta Lane: Join us for *Tuesdays with Morrie* - a dramatization of the best-selling book by Mitch Albom. To reserve your seat(s) you must RSVP by **December 4** by calling x306 and leaving your name and phone number **AND** send a check to B'nai Jeshurun. Or register online at www.bj.org. Cost: \$45 members/\$50 non-members. Space limited.

•Dorot Package Delivery

Sunday, November 24, 11:00 AM: Do a Thanksgiving mitzvah at our Hanukkah package delivery. We will meet at Rodeph Shalom, 7. W. 83rd St., 5th Floor, for a brief orientation and then divide into teams to make deliveries to homebound elderly. Spend quality time with someone who will appreciate a chat and a visit. Please RSVP by **November 20** by calling x306 and leave your name and phone number.

•Yahoo Singles' Group

Get all your singles info via email. Check the events schedule, get your questions answered, make a new friend, or find that special someone. Go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bjsingles> & register your new user name and password today!

See BJ's website for more Singles Events information:

Shake It on the Dance Floor with Reba Perez, **Sunday, November 17**

Volunteer for Thanksgiving at BJ's Homeless Shelter

Thursday, November 28, at 86th Street: The BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter needs 10 volunteers to help make a memorable Thanksgiving for our Homeless Shelter guests. Volunteers will decorate, set up a meal that has been donated, serve and clean up. Volunteers needed from 6-8 PM to set up and serve; from 8 -10 PM to clean up. To volunteer, please contact Marjorie Olster at mo_ol@hotmail.com or 212-678-5095.

An Ideal Hanukkah Present: The BJ Passover Cookbook

Wondering what to get friends and family for Hanukkah? Why not consider a copy of the BJ Passover Cookbook? All proceeds will go to Congregation Bet El in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to help during the current economic crisis. To place an order, contact Carol at x255.

Become an Angel

The Interfaith Arts Committee, which includes artists from BJ and SPSA, has interviewed New Yorkers to explore the relationship between Christians, Muslims and Jews since 9/11 and from these interviews has formed the basis for a new production that will be performed at the West End Theatre at SPSA in January, 2003. With support of a grant from the United Methodist Church and individual donations, writing of the piece and auditions are under way. BJ members are invited to contribute. Checks can be sent to the BJ office earmarked for the Interfaith Arts Committee. All donors of \$100 or more will be listed as Angels in the program. For more info, contact Eileen Weiss at 212-496-4550.

Holocaust Insurance Claims Extended

The International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims has extended the deadline to obtain benefits from Holocaust-era insurance policies to March 30, 2003. For help or more info, contact the New York Holocaust Claims Processing Office at (800) 695-3318.

9/11 Outreach and Consultation Services

The Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services reaches out to the Jewish community by providing free services to help those who have been affected in any way by the events of 9/11. If you are feeling anxiety, sadness or helplessness, if you are concerned, or if you are afraid for family and friends in Israel, give us a call. We

provide a safe forum for discussion. For more info, contact Alisha Goodman, MSW, Project Manager, at (212) 399-2685 x223 or agoodman@jbfcs.org.

New Generations Benefit

Thursday, November 21, 8:00 PM, at Studio 450, 450 W. 31st Street: New Generations, sponsored by the New Israel Fund, will hold a benefit with live music and a DJ, a buffet dinner and open bar, and a silent auction. Cost: \$150/Students: \$75. To purchase tickets, make a donation, or get a sneak preview of the silent auction, visit <http://www.nif.kintera.org/newgen>.

Ansche Chesed Hanukkah Arts Festival & Judaica Crafts Fair

November 23, 8:00 PM and **November 24**, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM at Ansche Chesed, 251 W. 100th Street: We will be holding our 22nd Annual Hanukkah Arts Festival & Judaica Crafts Fair featuring hand-crafted Judaica for sale. Many Israeli artists are coming because of the lack of tourism in Israel, which has directly affected their incomes. Saturday night admission fee: \$18 (includes the Gala opening). Sunday admission fee: \$5 (includes kosher food for sale and family activities). Credit cards (MC, Visa) accepted. For more info, call (212) 865-0600 x415 or info@anschechesed.org

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. 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.

Saturday Morning Ushers Needed

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

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 Vayetze

Jacob rolled away the stone from the mouth of the well" (Bereshit 29:10)

As we have seen from previous teachings, the task of the tzadik (the righteous person) was of primary concern to the Me'or Eynayim. He taught that each patriarch was a tzadik who was responsible for opening channels of the mind, and teaching those of his generation how to come closer to their Source. He taught that when Avraham dug wells in the desert, these represented internal wells which brought him and his disciples closer to the living waters of God. In turn, Isaac taught the people of his generation how to dig these same wellsprings of wisdom that had become sealed when Avraham died. In his comments on Parasat Vayetze, the Me'or Eynayim teaches that Jacob represents da'at, the religious mind. It is therefore the task of Jacob, that is the religious mind, to locate and draw forth those aspects of Torah that remain hidden to ordinary people. He writes: When Jacob first came near to Haran, he "rolled away the stone from the mouth of the well." This means that he removed the obstacle that blocked the wellspring of living waters, which are the roots of Torah that were hidden there...Everything he did in Haran was for the sake of drawing out hidden Torah...His marriage to both Rachel and Leah represents [the fact that he prepared the way for the revelation of] both the written and oral Torahs.

Where do we look for wisdom? How do we fulfill the sacred task of sharing what we learn with others?

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- Welcome to BJ • Membership at BJ • Membership Packets • BJ Annual Catalogue • Limud Catalogue • Bikkur Holim • New Havurot Applications
- Upcoming Singles Events