



Shabbat Vayishlah

TORAH

Genesis 32:4 - 36:43

TRIENNIAL

Genesis 34:1 - 35:15

HAFTARAH

Obadiah 1:1 - 1:21

Next week: Parashat Vayeshev

TORAH

Genesis 37:1 - 40:23

TRIENNIAL

Genesis 38:1 - 38:30

HAFTARAH

Numbers 7:1 - 7:17



SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK:

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November 22 – November 29, 2002

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Speaker:

6:00 PM – 88th St.

Avraham Neguise
South Wing to Zion

Kitah Vav Shabbat Dinner

Latin America Committee Shabbat B'Yahad Dinner

Speaker:

after 6:00 PM service – 86th St.

after 6:00 PM service – 88th St.

Dr. Will Recant

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Speaker:

6:45 PM – 86th St.

Avraham Neguise

South Wing to Zion

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Shabbat Services

Children's Services

B'nai Mitzvah

Speakers:

9:30 AM – 86th St.

10:45 AM – 86th St.

Daniel Barbosa

Jonathan Braun

Michal Shilo, Asher Dolev, and Ziv Shacham

Israel Defense Forces

Community Kiddush

Havdalah and Book Signing:

12:30 PM – 86th St.

Rabbi Naomi Levy

4:30 PM – 88th St.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Morning Minyan

Singles Dorot Package Delivery

Gesher

Hanukkah: Festival of...?

9:30 AM – 88th St.

11:00 AM – Rodeph Shalom, 7 W. 83rd St.

5:00 PM – 88th St.

6:00 PM – 88th St.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Morning Minyan

Introduction to Judaism

7:30 AM – 88th St.

7:00 PM – 86th St.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Morning Minyan

Talmud Introduction

Intermediate Hebrew

God's Resume

Creating a Meaningful Relationship

7:30 AM – 88th St.

8:15 AM – 88th St.

6:30 PM – 86th St.

7:00 PM – 86th St.

7:00 PM – call x240 for location

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Morning Minyan

Kesharim

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

7:30 AM – 88th St.

2:00 PM – 88th St.

7:30 PM – 86th St.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Morning Minyan

Thanksgiving - Office Closed

9:30 AM – 88th St.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Morning Minyan

Day After Thanksgiving - Office Closed

7:30 AM – 88th St.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mazal Tov To The Following Members And Their Families:

- Daniel and Joseph Barbosa and Karen Adler on Daniel becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Jonathan and Michael Braun and Susan Silverman on Jonathan becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Charles and Andrea Bronfman, Ellen Bronfman Hauptman and Andrew Hauptman on the birth of their grandson and son, Zack Hauptman.

B'rukhim Haba-im To:

- Michal Shilo, Asher Dolev and Ziv Shacham of the Israel Defense Forces. They spent a year studying with Hamidrasha at Oranim examining Israeli society and are currently on active duty.
- Avraham Neguise, Director, South Wing to Zion.

This Week's Kiddush Sponsored By:

- Susan Silverman and Michael Braun in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Braun and Karen Adler and Joe Barbosa in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Barbosa.

Todah Rabbah To:

- Trudi Levine and Sharon Messitte who so caringly organized BJ's Blood Drive this past Wednesday, November 13.
- And to the 70 people who donated their blood, potentially saving the lives of 280 critically ill patients in New York City. Yasher Koah!

Join us for an informal Shabbat afternoon study group of the week's parsha. Find Shelly Ostro following kiddush.

Membership at B'nai Jeshurun

Are you considering joining BJ? Would you like information about becoming a member? Call Hillary Oberstein, Director of Membership, at x224 or email hoberstein@bj.org for more info.

LIMUD/LEARNING

CLASSES To Register, visit www.bj.org.

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. Register by calling x256.

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

Two Wednesdays, December 4 - 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.**

FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th Street
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Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th Street
Friday, December 6

Wandering Minyan 6:00 PM – 88th Street
Friday, December 6

Tot Shabbat 5:45 PM – 86th Street
Friday, November 20

Saturday Shabbat Service 9:30 AM – 86h 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.

Books for Sale at the BJ Office

We have books for sale at the BJ Office: *The Birth of Israel*, by Simha Flapan (hard cover), for \$13.00 a copy; and *Days of Awe, a Treasury of Jewish Wisdom for the High Holidays*, edited by S.Y. Agnon (soft cover), for \$13.00. Please stop by the office with a check or cash and see Helen Radin or Lee Frankel. Respond early - limited copies available.

ACTIVITIES

Shabbat Afternoon Talk and Havdalah with Rabbi Naomi Levy

Saturday, November 23, 4:30 PM, at 86th Street: 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.

Storahtelling: The Field of Dreams - Joseph Meets the King

Saturday, December 7, 10:30 AM, at 86th Street: Join Amichai Lau-Lavie and the Storahtelling Troupe in the Tent of Meeting for a ritualized presentation of the week's Torah portion. Cost: free. Registration not required.

COMMUNITY

•Beyond Argentina: Shabbat B'Yahad Dinner

Friday, November 22, after 6:00 PM services, at 88th Street: For those who pre-registered, join the BJ Latin America Committee for a Shabbat dinner with Dr. William Recant of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

•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 *Antisemitism and the Struggle for Israel on the College Campus: A Critical Response*. 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, add \$10 late fee if space is available.

•**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 Tikkun*. Registration not required.

HEBREW SCHOOL

•Kitah Vav Shabbat Dinner

Friday, November 22, after the 6:00 PM service, at 86th Street: For those who pre-registered, please join us.

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 first grade 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 produced by BJ member David Singer. 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 calling x306 and leave your name and phone number.

•Shake it on the Dance Floor with Reba Perez

Sunday, December 1 and 15, 5:00 - 8:00 PM, at 127 W. 25th Street, 11th Fl. (hit buzzer 17): Don't just meet new friends - dance with them! A new series of parties for Jewish Singles in their 20s, 30s and 40s with host Reba, DJs and a great crowd! No experience or partner needed - we get you on your feet with a fun Basic Lesson/Social Mixer from 5:00 - 6:00 PM. Cost: \$18/door/\$15 BJ members (includes snacks & dance lesson). Note: This dance event happens the 1st & 3rd Sunday of every month. For more info, visit www.EmpireDance.com or call (212) 645-2441.

•Shabbat Dinner at Darna

Friday, December 6, after the 6:00 PM service, at Darna Restaurant: Celebrate the Festival of Lights with a festival of friends at Darna Restaurant. Meet, eat and socialize! With special guest Rabbi Rachel Gartner. Cost: \$25 Members/\$35 Non-Members. To register call x304 with your name and phone number AND send a check to the BJ office marked *12/6 Singles Shabbat Dinner at Darna* no later than **November 29**. You can also register online. If space is available, add a \$10 late fee for reservations received after the deadline.

•Co-sponsored Dances with Anshe Chesed

Sunday, December 8, 7:00 PM, at Anshe Chesed: Swing back in time - get out your zoot suit, silk stockings & bobby socks - and rock the night away with live Big Band music! Our fun Basic Swing Lesson/Social Mixer with experts Reba Perez and Eric Hollman will have you dancing the night away (lesson starts at 7:00 PM)! No experience necessary. Cost: \$20 \$15 AC/BJ/MOMC members/\$20 non-members (free refreshments). No reservations necessary. Volunteers are needed - call Michael B. at (212) 678-7881 before 9:00pm to volunteer.

•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.

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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 Congregacion Bet El in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to help during the current economic crisis. To place an order, contact Carol at x255.

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.

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: Ansche Chesed will be holding their 22nd Annual Hanukkah Arts Festival & Judaica Crafts Fair. Saturday night admission fee: \$18 (includes 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.

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

So that we may make preparations for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes prior to the beginning of services. To avoid a lengthy wait outside as the temperatures drop, we ask you to please time your arrival accordingly.

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.

Historical Notes on Palestine and the State of Israel

One of the goals articulated in the mission statement of the Israel Committee is to educate ourselves and the BJ Community regarding the history of contemporary Israel, including the world events that led to that historic moment in May 1948.

Chuck Gold, our resident historian, will provide us with bytes of history that will be published on a regular basis in the Kol Jeshurun. We hope you will enjoy learning with us; we welcome your comments and questions. -The Israel Committee

A Teaching from Parashat Vayishlah

The Sefat Emet teaches: "Your name will no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have struggled with God and with men and have prevailed" (Bereshit 32:29).

The children of Israel merited both of these names, and they refer to the body (Jacob) and the soul (Israel). Every person has to set aright the body, so that the power of the soul will dwell upon it. Then one is called "Israel." The better you deal with the body, the more wholeness, Shalom, you will attain. That is why the Sabbath is also called Shalom: it is a time for righting the body.

This Shabbat, how will you nurture your body as well as your soul?

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- Upcoming Singles Events