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**November 29 – December 6, 2002**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29** **Day After Thanksgiving - Office Closed**

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th St.  
 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th St.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30** **Hanukkah Second Night**

Shabbat Services 9:30 AM – 86th St.  
 Children's Services 10:45 AM – 86th St.  
 Bat Mitzvah Marcy Blattner  
 Bar Mitzvah Benjamin A.M. Wexler  
 Mevarkhim HaHodesh Learning 12:30 PM – 88th St.  
 Community Kiddush 12:30 PM – 86th St.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1** **Hanukkah Third Night**

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.  
 Family Hanukkah Party 4:00 PM – Heschel School Gym  
 Gesher 5:00 PM – 88th St.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2** **Hanukkah Fourth Night**

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

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3** **Hanukkah Fifth Night**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 Talmud Introduction 8:15 AM – 88th St.  
 Intermediate Hebrew 6:30 PM – 86th St.  
 Creating a Meaningful Relationship 7:00 PM – call x240 for location

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4** **Hanukkah Sixth Night**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th St.  
 Theology and Meaning in the Prayerbook 6:30 PM – 88th St.  
 Creating Modern Midrash 7:30 PM – 86th St.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5** **Rosh Hodesh Tevet**

Morning Minyan **Hanukkah Seventh Night**  
 Beginning Hebrew 9:30 AM – 88th St.  
 Advanced Beginning Hebrew 6:30 PM – 86th St.  
 Rosh Hodesh Women's Group 8:00 PM – 86th St.  
 Gay and Lesbian Hanukkah Party 7:00 PM – 88th St.  
7:30 PM – Gay and Lesbian Community Center

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6** **Rosh Hodesh Tevet**

Morning Minyan **Hanukkah Eighth Night**  
7:30 AM – 88th St.

**Shabbat Vayeshev • Mevarkhim HaHodesh**

**TORAH**  
 Genesis 37:1 - 40:23

**TRIENNIAL**  
 Genesis 38:1 - 38:30

**HAFTARAH**  
 Numbers 7:1 - 7:17

Next week: Parashat Miketz

**TORAH**  
 Genesis 41:1 - 44:17

**TRIENNIAL**  
 Genesis 41:53 - 43:15

**MAFTIR**  
 Numbers 7:54 - 8:4

**HAFTARAH**  
 I Kings 7:40 - 7:50



**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK:**

**Be a Bread Runner for the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program!**

How many loaves of bread does it take to serve lunch to 120 guests? Find out by volunteering as a bread runner for the Judith Bernstein Lunch program! We are looking for new volunteers to join our team and help pick up bread for the program on either Tuesday or Wednesday evenings. This is a quick and meaningful way to contribute to the success of the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program. Call or email Amanda at x259 or asilver@bj.org.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Melissa Bachner and David, Zachary, Jonah and Isabelle Bleckner on the death of Melissa's beloved grandmother, Betty Mayland.

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

- Marcy, Pamela, and Franci Blattner and Craig Platt on Marcy becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Benjamin and William Wexler, Abigail Moore and Elaine Pohl Moore on Benjamin becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Justin, Ron, Lori and Johanna Seitenbach on Justin becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Jared, Carol and Henry Emanuel on Jared becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

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

- Dr. Jonathan Rosenbaum, President, Gratz College, Philadelphia.
- Rabbi Sam Feldman.
- Rabbi Selig Salkowitz.

**This Week's Mevarhim HaHodesh Sponsored By:**

- David and Estare Weiser in celebration of their son Phil Weiser's marriage to Heidi Wald.

**This Week's Community Kiddush Sponsored By:**

- Pamela, and Franci Blattner and Craig Platt in honor of Marcy becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

**Blood Donations Needed: Pikuah Nefesh (Saving a Life)**

Hugo Frank, the grandson of a member of our community, has leukemia, and the family is mounting a blood drive for him. To donate, you must be 17-75 years old and in good health. There are other important donor eligibility conditions. To learn the details, please contact Marion Novack, the manager of Hugo's blood bank, at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Blood Bank, (212) 639-8177.

## LIMUD/LEARNING

**CLASSES** To Register, visit [www.bj.org](http://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**

**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.**

**Workshop: Tohoo and Tikkun with Rabbi Ohad Ezrahi**

**Sunday, December 22**, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, at 88th Street: Using text study, open discussion, meditation, and chanting, we will learn the meaning of these two Kabbalistic terms in our own world: in one's psychology, in relationships, and in the business world. We will dive deep into the mythology and come out with some new understandings about our lives. Taught by Rabbi Ohad Ezrahi. Cost: \$50 members/\$75 nonmembers. Advanced registration required. Code: 388. Register online or call x256.

## 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** 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 – 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](http://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

**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.

**Find a Hevruta (Study Partner) for BJ's New Beit Midrash Patuah**

We are compiling a list of BJ members who are interested in finding a Hevruta partner to study Masekhet Kiddushin for the Beit Midrash Patuah. (All BJ members received this text in the mail.) If you are interested in finding a study partner, please e-mail your name, phone number, and e-mail address to Rabbi Felicia Sol at [fsol@bj.org](mailto:fsol@bj.org).

## COMMUNITY

## •Gay and Lesbian Annual Hanukkah Party

**Thursday December 5**, 7:30 PM, at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 208 West 13th Street: Everyone is welcome to join us for our 5th Annual Hanukkah Party as we celebrate this festive holiday together with music, mingling and a fancy dessert buffet. Cost: \$8/\$5 Students - payable at the door (no advanced registration). Cosponsored by GLYDSA, Orthodykes, Congregation Rodeph Shalom, the JCC, and JQYouth. Children welcome. Handicapped accessible.

## •Israeli Children's Art Show - Peace through Humor

**Opening Sunday, December 8**, 2:00 PM, at 88th Street in Frankel Hall: The BJ Israel Committee is proud to present an exhibition of Israeli children's art from schools all over Israel, which 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.

## We're Looking For A Few (actually 100) Good Hosts

The countdown for the annual Night of 100 Dinners has begun. On Saturday evening, March 1, hundreds of BJ members and friends will enjoy a main course and conversation at congregation members' homes around the city. Then, at 9:00 PM, we will all meet at 88th Street for a night of scrumptious desserts and lively music by the Shalom Orchestra. Be a part of this special event, and volunteer to host a dinner. Choose your theme - a Middle Eastern feast, an all-singles sit-down, a meat-and-potatoes lover's banquet - and invite your own guests or have us fill your table. Guests pay a donation to BJ for your hospitality. **December 1** is the beginning of the host sign-up period. To volunteer as a host, watch for your invitation in the mail, pick up a flyer at the back of the sanctuary, or visit BJ's website. Guest sign-up begins **January 2**. For more info, call x307.

## HEBREW SCHOOL

## •Kitah Hey Dinner

**Friday, December 6**, after the 6:00 PM service, at 86th Street: Kitah Hey families are invited to join us for a Shabbat dinner. Sign-up required. Cost: \$20 adults/\$10 children. Please RSVP by sending in your check and calling x241 to confirm your reservation.

## •Kitah Zayin and Seventh Grade Families Shabbat Dinner

**Friday, December 13**, after the 6:00 PM service, at 86th Street: We invite all BJHS Kitah Zayin families as well as BJ families with children in seventh grade 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 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](http://www.bj.org). Cost: \$45 members/\$50 non-members. Space limited.

## •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](http://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*. You can also register online. If space is available, add a \$10 late fee for reservations received after **November 29**.

## •Co-sponsored Dances with Ansche Chesed

**Sunday, December 8**, 7:00 PM, at Ansche 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.

**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.

**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.*



**A Teaching from Parashat Vayeshev**

**"She is more righteous than I" (Bereshit 38:26)**

Our humash, Etz Hayim, suggests that Tamar is praised in part because she rebuked Judah privately, not publicly. The Hofetz Hayim, author of a definitive text (of a related name) on lashon hara (derogatory speech, even when true), identifies thirty-one commandments that we violate every time we speak lashon hara. One such commandment is the following:

"...You shall rebuke your neighbor, and you shall not bear sin because of him" (Vayikra 19:17).

This verse prohibits us from embarrassing others even when privately delivering rebuke (Eruchin 16b). Rebuke must be delivered in a tactful manner that will not cause shame. If you speak lashon hara about a person in his presence and cause him shame, you violate this prohibition. If you shame someone in public, the crime is so severe that it is punishable by the loss of olam haba (Bava Metzia 59a).

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- Upcoming Singles Events • Shabbat B'Yahad with Visiting Scholar: Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller Sign-Up Form