



**RABBIS**

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**Dec. 5 - Dec. 12 2003**

**11 Kislev - 17 Kislev 5764**

**VAYETZE**

**TORAH**

**ANNUAL:** Genesis 28:10 - 32:3  
**TRIENNIAL:** Genesis 31:7 - 32:3  
**HAFTARAH:** Hosea 12:13 - 14:10

**NEXT WEEK: VAYISHLAH**

**ANNUAL:** Genesis 32:4 - 36:43  
**TRIENNIAL:** Genesis 35:16 - 36:43  
**HAFTARAH:** Obadiah 1:1 - 1:21

**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY  
 OF THE WEEK**

**Panim el Panim**  
**End of Campaign Community Celebration**  
**Sunday, December 7, 5:30 PM,**  
**in the BJ Sanctuary, at 88th St.**

You've done a community conversation – now what?

Join us for a festive community gathering to celebrate the completion of the first part of Panim el Panim! Our community has developed over 613 new relationships in the ten weeks since our Panim el Panim Sukkot Kickoff. We have participated in dozens of house meetings, and hundreds of individual one-on-one conversations. Learn about what we have uncovered in our conversations, and help us move our energy, ideas and enthusiasm into action. Celebrate and share our vision for social change in our lives, our community, and our world. Open to all BJ Members.

**RSVP REQUIRED** at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) or call x349.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5**

Kabbalat Shabbat Family Service	6:00 PM – 88th St.
Wandering Minyan	6:00 PM – Heschel School
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:45 PM – 86th St.
Kitah Gan Dinner (p. 3)	after family services – 86th St.
Shabbat B'Yahad Dinner with Dr. Morinis (p. 2)	7:30 PM – 88th St., Frankel Hall

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6**

Shabbat Service	9:30 AM – 86th St.
Bat Mitzvah	Amanda Manocherian
Bat Mitzvah	Allison Flamberg
Aliyat Hatan veKallah	Peter Yost and Gillian Lipton
D'var Torah	Dr. Alan Morinis
Children's Service	10:45 AM – 86th St.
Community Kiddush	12:30 PM – 88th St.
Shabbat Learning with Dr. Morinis	4:00 PM – 88th St., Frankel Hall
Kiddush Levanah with Rabbi Jill Hammer and Shoshana Jedwab	Following Shabbat Learning – 88th St.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7**

Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88th St.
Panim el Panim Community Celebration (p.1)	5:30 PM – 88th St.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8**

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Class: Introduction to Judaism, Rabbi Zimmerman	7:00 PM – 86th St.
Class: Yaakov Became Yisrael, Rabbi Feldman	7:00 PM – 86th St.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9**

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
4th Grade Families Cook for the Shelter (p. 3)	5:00 PM – 88th St.
Bein Kodesh Lehol, Rabbi Bronstein	7:00 PM – 86th St.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Kesharim	2:00 PM – 88th St.
Class: Theology & Meaning in the Prayerbook, Rabbi Matalon	6:30 PM – 88th St.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11**

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program	12:00 PM – 88th St., Frankel Hall
Class: Parashat Hashavu'a, Kliel Rose	7:00 PM – 86th St.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12**

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

### HAMAKOM YENAHĒM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to:

- Stephen, Dede and Carla Kessler on the death of Stephen's beloved brother, Richard Kessler.
- Jay, Elizabeth, Ariana and Michael Cooper, on the death of Jay's beloved father, Seymour Cooper.

### MAZAL TOV

to the following members and their families:

- Allison, Danny and Fern Flamberg and Jane Shammenesh on Allison becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Amanda, Jeffrey, Cynthia, Olivia and Margo Manocherian on Amanda becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Ira and Eli Schwarz and Bonnie Oglensky on Eli becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Gillian Lipton and Peter Yost on their upcoming wedding.
- Matt Turk and his group Mandolin Caravan on the release of their CD "Desert Soul," a diverse collection of both traditional and new Jewish songs.

The kiddush is sponsored by Jeffrey and Cynthia Manocherian, in honor of their daughter Amanda becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

The flowers for the bimah are co-sponsored by Jeffrey and Cynthia Manocherian, in honor of their daughter Amanda, and Jane Shammenesh, Fern and Danny Flamberg, in honor of their daughter Allison.

### TODAH RABBAH

- to co-chairs Trudi Levine, Sharon Messitte and volunteer Jack David Marcus for excellent coordination of the Fall Blood Drive (more than 60 donors participated).
- to Henry Meer for donating the delicious Thanksgiving Dinner to our guests at the BJ/SPSA Shelter, and Joan Kaplan for coordinating a very special Thanksgiving day for our shelter guests and volunteers.

### New BJ Office Address

**2109 Broadway (The Ansonia), Suite 203, New York, NY 10023.**  
Same telephone, same fax. Enter the building on 73rd St. between Broadway and West End Aves. Take the elevator to the 2nd floor, make 3 right turns and go down the hall to the glass office door.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### LIMUD

#### • Shabbat B'Yahad with Dr. Alan Morinis

**Dec. 5**, after services, 88th St., Frankel Hall: Fill your soul at our next Shabbat dinner, with Dr. Alan Morinis, author of *Climbing Jacob's Ladder*. Dr. Morinis is an active interpreter of the teachings and practices of the ancient Jewish Mussar tradition. He has written books and produced feature films, television dramas and has taught at several universities. Cost for walk-ins is \$35/\$45, payable after Shabbat, if space available.

#### • Want to Learn How to Host a Shabbat Dinner? Hakhnasat Orhim Can Help!

**Tuesday, Dec. 16**, 7-9 PM: Join BJ hosts Elana Weinberg & Carol Gelles in the BJ Sanctuary at 88th St. for two informative hours of fun as people come to learn:

- Fast, inexpensive recipes to make the best Shabbat meals ever!
- How to host in a studio apartment you think fits only one guest!
- How to organize the best pot luck Shabbat ever!

Meet other like-minded BJ members and learn more about BJ's Shabbat Pyramid Scheme! To let us know if you're coming, contact Elana at x351 or at Welcome@BJ.com.

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

#### • BJ Musician's Havurah

**Mon. Dec. 8**, 7PM-10:00PM, 88th St.: BJ Musicians! Bring your instruments, share your music; jam with and meet other BJ member-musicians who love playing Jewish music. For more information, contact: Matt Fried, MattF@aol.com, Anita Haravon, aharavon@gc.cuny.edu

#### • Sharansky Speaks at State of Israel Bonds Dinner

**Dec. 9**, 7 PM at Kay Caterers Banquet Hall, 200 Amsterdam Ave.: Natan Sharansky, Israel's Minister for Jerusalem and Diaspora Affairs, will deliver the keynote address at a dinner honoring major Israel Bonds supporters from Manhattan's Upper West Side Synagogues. \$75 per person. For reservations, please call Robert Lunzer at 212-446-5835.

#### • Heschel Study Session

**Dec. 13**, 12:30 PM, 86th St.: Join Marshall T. Meyer Fellow Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman after services for a study session devoted to Abraham Joshua Heschel's classic book, *The Sabbath*. Bring your lunch.

#### • Back at BJ! Storahtelling presents "Your Dream, My Nightmare."

**Dec. 13**, 4-6 PM, 88th St.: Hot off the runways of Canaan, dive headfirst into the technicolor dreamscape of Joseph, one of history's favorite sons. The Bible. Revised. Join Storahtellers Amichai Lau-Lavie, Franny Silverman, Aylam Orian, Yoel Ben-Simhon, and Brian Gelfand for a ritual performance of the weekly Torah Portion, Vayeshev, spiced with traditional Hebrew chanting, dramatized English translation, live music, and audience interaction. Join us after the performance for a special Havdalah as we celebrate the separation of Shabbat from the week, the sacred from the mundane, and the past from the future with music, stories, spices, fire, and wine. Info: [www.storahtelling.org](http://www.storahtelling.org).

#### • Yiske Labushnik – An original play by Yale Strom

**Wednesday, Dec. 17**, 7:30 PM, 86th St., Theater: Join us for this special workshop production of *Yiske Labushnik*, an original play by Yale Strom recounting the multifaceted story of a Klezmer musician on his way to Minsk in June 1939. The play stars Sam Guncler, features music by Alicia Svigals on violin and Peter Stan on accordion and is directed by Todd Salovey. Cost is \$5, payable at the door.

#### • SAVE THE DATES!

- **Jan. 14**, 7:30 PM, 88th St.: **Arthur Hertzberg** will come to BJ to discuss his new book, *The Fate of Zionism*.

- **Jan. 21**, 7 PM, 88th St.: **The Dialogue Project** and The B'nai Jeshurun Israel Program Committee are proud to announce a special evening of dialogue among Jews (American and Israeli), Palestinians (Muslim and Christian) and supportive others.

#### • Help Make "Night of 100 Dinners" a 100 Percent Fundraising Winner

BJ is gearing up now for Night of 100 Dinners, our biggest fundraiser of the year. Are you? Sign up now to support the Night of 100 Dinners Songbook, to be distributed at the March 20 event. All who contribute \$36 or more will be listed in the songbook and will receive a new limited-edition CD. To find out how to be a part of this important and festive event, go to [www.BJ.org](http://www.BJ.org). You can fill out your donor form on-line, or pick up forms at the BJ office or at the back of both sanctuaries. A form will also come to you in the mail. Sign-up forms to host a dinner are on-line now. Guest sign-up begins Jan. 12.

• **BJ Goes to Argentina**

Join us as we journey to Argentina, March 7-16, 2004 (new dates!), to explore the roots of BJ's spiritual leaders. Experience the flavors and rhythms of this special country. Tour historic Buenos Aires and the countryside. Meet the Jewish community and learn about its history. Spend Shabbat with our sister congregation, Comunidad Bet El. Due to space limitations, this trip is open to BJ members only. Detailed trip information and application will be available shortly on [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). For further info, call x254.

**SINGLES**

• **Dorot (Hanukkah) Package Delivery**

**Sunday, Dec. 14:** Do a mitzvah at our first of three package deliveries. Our group will meet at Dorot (171 West 85th St. near Amsterdam) for a brief orientation and then pair up into our teams of two and three to make our deliveries to homebound elderly on the Upper West Side. Spend quality time with someone who will very much appreciate your time to chat and visit. Please RSVP by Dec. 8 by calling x306 and leaving your name and phone number.

• **Hanukkah Dinner at Darna**

**Saturday, Dec. 20, 7:30 PM:** The first Darna dinner was so great we're having another! Meet, eat and socialize!! \$25/\$35. Register on-line at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) or call x306 with your name and phone number AND send a check to the BJ office marked "12/20 Singles Dinner at Darna" no later than Dec. 12. If space is available, add a \$10 late fee for reservations received after the deadline.

**FAMILY LIFE**

• **Pre-Hanukkah Family Sing-along**

**Dec. 7, 10 AM, 88th St.,** downstairs in Frankel Hall: Join Shira Kline, songleader extraordinaire, for singing, stories, and dancing to get ready for Hanukkah. **This program is sponsored by the Miriam L. Siroky Fund for Family Education.**

• **Fourth Grade Families Cooking for the Shelter Dec. 9**

Fourth graders and their families are invited to cook for BJ's Homeless Shelter on Tuesday, Dec. 9, from 5-6:30 PM in Frankel Hall, downstairs at 88th Street. To volunteer, please contact Harriet Saltzman at [saltzman@lifetimetv.com](mailto:saltzman@lifetimetv.com) or 212-496-1892 by Friday, Dec. 5.

• **Kids Purim Play Auditions**

**Tuesday, Jan. 6 and Wednesday, Jan. 7:** Be a part of the magic that is the Purim play again this year. Come either day, prepared to have some fun for a few hours singing, acting and dancing from 4-6 PM at 88th St. Dress comfortably. Auditions are only required for children ages 7 and up. 5 and 6 year olds will automatically be placed in the chorus, though parents and children should stop in on the 6th or 7th to pick up an info sheet and conflict sheets and meet our production team. Questions? Contact Michael at [Mkelberg@BJ.org](mailto:Mkelberg@BJ.org) or x260.

**HEBREW SCHOOL**

• **Kitah Gan (Kindergarten) Friday Night Dinner**

**Dec. 5:** Join us for dinner at the 86th St. Chapel, following Family Shabbat Services at 6 PM at 88th St. \$20 adults, \$10 children. For more info, call Dalya Levy at x241.

• **Kitah Hey (Fifth Grade) Friday Night Dinner**

**Dec. 12:** Join us for Shabbat Services at 6pm at 88th St., followed by dinner at the 86th St. Chapel at SPSA. \$20 adults, \$10 children. For more info, call Dalya Levy at x241.

• **Registration is open for two early childhood programs at BJ:**

1. BJ's "Shabbat Sing-along" (with BJ guitarist/vocalists & BJHS teachers Joel Stein & Shai Specht) runs on Fridays Jan. 9-Feb. 27, 2004. Ages 6-17 months come from 9:15-10:05 AM, 18-22 months from 10:15-11:05 AM, and 23-36 months from 11:15-12:05.
  2. "A Magical Journey through the Parasha of the Week" (with BJ storyteller Shai Specht) runs on Sundays from Jan. 18-Feb. 22, 2004. Ages 2-3 years come from 10:30-11:30 AM.
- For more info, please contact Dalya Levy at x241 or at [dlevy@bj.org](mailto:dlevy@bj.org).

**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE**

• **B'nai Jeshurun's First Holiday Sock, Mitten and Hat Drive**

The Judith Bernstein Lunch Program is collecting NEW ADULT hats, mittens and socks for distribution to our guests for the holiday season. Please drop off your contribution on Friday or Saturday, Dec. 5, 6, 12 and 13 in the collection boxes at the entrance to services at both locations. We cannot accept donations at any other time. **ONLY NEW ARTICLES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Thank you in advance for your contribution. Questions? Contact Susan Samuels at [ssamuels@aol.com](mailto:ssamuels@aol.com).

• **Information Session for New Shelter Volunteers**

Are you a new volunteer at BJ's Homeless Shelter or do you want to help but don't know how? Come to Frankel Hall on Monday, Dec. 15 from 6:00-7:30 PM. We will be providing an orientation for new volunteers and, for those still thinking about volunteering, we will let you know how you can make a difference by volunteering only a few hours per month of your time. To RSVP or for more info, contact Robert Imershein at 212-339-4250 or [rimershein@capstarny.com](mailto:rimershein@capstarny.com).

• **Help Bring Light to the Jewish Home and Hospital**

The Jewish Home and Hospital is urgently requesting volunteers to help light Hanukkah candles for the residents from Dec. 19 to Dec. 26. Here are the specifics: Friday Dec. 19, from 1 to 4.15 PM; Saturday, Dec. 20 from 5 to 7 PM; Weekdays, from 1 to 7 PM. To volunteer for this mitzvah, please call Rabbi Edelstein at 212 870-4959.

• **The Judith Bernstein Lunch Program Needs Volunteers**

**Thursdays, 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM, 88th St., Kitchen:** We are looking for people with flexible schedules to volunteer from 8:30-10:30 AM at our lunch program. Become an expert sandwich maker! Try out your culinary and dishwashing skills while helping to prepare lunches for 150 people. We invite you to be a part of this important community program. Preparing lunch begins at 8:30 AM and runs until 10:30 AM. Work for an hour or for the entire time. For more info, contact Susan Samuels at [ssamuels@aol.com](mailto:ssamuels@aol.com) or call x338.

• **Volunteers Needed To Sleep Over At BJ/SPSA's Homeless Shelter**

Our shelter feeds and houses up to 10 guests, Monday through Thursday. We need volunteers to commit to one night each month to sleep over, or set up meals and beds, or prepare or donate food. One night a month is not a huge commitment. We hope you will come forward at this time of need. For info, contact Robert Imershein at [Rimershein@capstarny.com](mailto:Rimershein@capstarny.com) or 212-339-4250.

• **Save Those Ink Jet Cartridges!**

The BJ Latin America Committee and the Environmental Task Force are launching an effort to collect used ink jet cartridges for our sister congregation, Bet El, in Buenos Aires. Bet El volunteers will refill the empty cartridges and resell them to help support their communal soup kitchen and food pantry. Start saving empty ink cartridges from your Canon, Epson, HP and Lexmark ink jet printers now. In January, we will let you know where and when to drop them off. Your efforts will help feed the hungry and help the environment. For further information, please call x371 or email [BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com](mailto:BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com).

YAD LYAD – HAND TO HAND

Each week, we will highlight some examples of how your dollars make a difference. Tzedakah connects us to our Jewish values and culture, spirituality and our community. The giving of Tzedakah to BJ helps make a difference. Did you know....Bikkur Holim and Hevra Kadisha are mitzvot of paramount importance. As a community, it is essential to provide comfort to those who are ill and those in mourning. Your gift of \$800 will provide 10 round trip car rides to those who need assistance getting from home to B'nai Jeshurun or to doctor appointments. \$450 will send platters of food to 9 houses of mourning.

• **Volunteers Needed: Computer Nuts & Video Editors**

BJ is looking for "computer savvy" people to digitally scan a large number of photographs and who have access to their own equipment. At some point, we will also need the help of video editors as well. This is for a special project to mark the 10th yearzeit of Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer, z'l, which will take place on Friday evening, Jan. 9. If you can help us out, it would be a wonderful way to remember our beloved Rabbi. To volunteer, please contact Carol Dikman at x255 or at Cdikman@BJ.org.

GENERAL INFORMATION

• **Membership at B'nai Jeshurun**

Are you considering joining BJ? Would you like information about becoming a member? Call Membership at x224.

• **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. Place damaged books or tallitot in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary. We also ask that men wear kippot upon entering the sanctuary and during services. We do not allow food in the sanctuary.

So that we may make preparations for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes prior to the beginning of 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. If you need any Hebrew words translated, please call Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman, x253 or Rabbi Meir Feldman, x264.*

D'VAR TEFILLAH

Look at the kedusha prayer. (Sim Shalom, p. 356). There's something amazing hidden there. "From your special Place O God appear!" Think about it. We're demanding something from God. What hutzpah! Then we become even bolder. "We are waiting for you. When, When, When, Dear God, will you assert yourself . . . and bring peace and love and justice to the world?" But the point is that we can't wait. We pray in order to muster the courage to become God's true partner in change.

– Rabbi Meir Feldman

THIS WEEK IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY

It was a typical hazy morning on December 8, 1987. In the Gaza Strip, outside the Jabalya refugee camp, a large noisy truck accelerated in order to pass a slow moving vehicle. The driver did not see the car coming from the other direction until it was too late. The truck and the oncoming car collided, killing four Palestinian passengers. A rumor surfaced that the truck driver had purposefully killed the Palestinians, avenging an earlier Arab attack on his brother. An outraged population gathered in the Jabalya camp to protest. The weight of the occupation could no longer be tolerated. A mob, fueled by years of frustration, began to riot and attack a nearby Israeli Army base with rocks and bottles. The soldiers, overwhelmed and frightened, fired back. The first intifada had begun.

When Israel conquered the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the Six-Day War, the Jewish state took on responsibility for the welfare of a people whose leadership was openly dedicated to its destruction. Israel made a valiant effort to be ethical, extending certain basic human rights, while still maintaining overall occupation. Under Israel's rule, schools, hospitals, and newspapers flourished while new services of electricity and running water were supplied. These improved physical conditions, however, did not address either the spiritual needs or nationalistic aspirations of the Palestinian people. They harbored deep resentments of the constant closures, searches, and collective punishments. Israel and the Palestinians were operating on different views of reality. Israel took pride in the fact that its soldiers would not enter mosques and schools out of deference and respect to the local community. The Palestinians hated the Jews for entering their homes and for being on their streets. The resentment grew until it finally exploded.

Israel was not prepared with a plan for how to respond. How does a battle-trained soldier respond to a child throwing rocks? The rocks could kill, but was firing a gun an appropriate response? These protestors were not trained Palestinian terrorists murdering Israeli children. These were frustrated Palestinian teenagers fighting Israeli combat soldiers.

Years after the first Intifada ended, the second was slow to begin, wearing Israel down morally, socially and economically. The prevailing feeling in Israel is that the status quo can no longer continue. However, the question remains: What should Israel do to promote a lasting solution?

– The Israel Committee

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