



RABBIS

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VAYESHEV

TORAH

ANNUAL: Genesis 37:1 - 40:23
TRIENNIAL: Genesis 39:1 - 40:23
HAFTARAH: Zekhariah 2:14 - 4:7

NEXT WEEK: MIKETZ

ANNUAL: Genesis 41:1 - 44:17
TRIENNIAL: Genesis 43:16 - 44:17
HAFTARAH: I Kings 7:40 - 7:50

**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY
 OF THE WEEK**

BJ is Collecting Toys for the Homeless!

BJ is pleased to continue our annual tradition of collecting toys for the Partnership for the Homeless' holiday party this year. Please bring a new, un-wrapped toy to our community Hanukkah celebration on Sunday, December 21, from 4 to 6 PM, in BJ's synagogue on 88th Street. We regret that we are not able to accept toy donations at any other time. The toys will be given to homeless children next week. For more information, please contact Amy at aberenson@bj.org or x248.

Dec. 19 - Dec. 26 2003

25 Kislev - 2 Tevet 5764

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

Tot Shabbat (p. 3)
 Kabbalat Shabbat Service
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1ST CANDLE HANUKKAH

5:45 PM – 86th St.
 6:00 PM – 88th St.
 6:45 PM – 86th St.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

Shabbat Service
 Naming
 Children's Service
 Mevarkhim HaHodesh Israel Learning (p. 2)
 Hanukkah Dinner at Darna (p. 3)

2ND CANDLE HANUKKAH

9:30 AM – 86th St.
 Adi Leah Anker
 10:45 AM – 86th St.
 12:30 PM – 88th St.
 7:30 PM – Darna, 600 Columbus Ave.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Morning Minyan
 BJ's Hanukkah Celebration (p. 2)

3RD CANDLE HANUKKAH

9:30 AM – 88th St.
 4:00 PM – 88th St.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

Morning Minyan
 Holiday Light Concert (p. 2)

4TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

7:30 AM – 88th St.
 7:30 PM – 86th St.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

Morning Minyan

5TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

7:30 AM – 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Morning Minyan

6TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

7:30 AM – 88th St.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Morning Minyan
 Rosh Hodesh Women's Group (p. 2)

**7TH CANDLE HANUKKAH/
 ROSH HODESH TEVET**

9:30 AM – 88th St.
 7:00 PM – 88th St.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

Morning Minyan
 Rosh Hodesh Breakfast

**8TH CANDLE HANUKKAH/
 ROSH HODESH TEVET**

7:30 AM – 88th St.
 7:30 AM – 88th St.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAH'EM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Loren Brenowitz on the death of her beloved aunt, Phyllis Dumont.

MAZAL TOV

To Daniel Anker and Donna Santman on the naming of their daughter, Adi Leah Anker.

• Volunteer to Usher Shabbat Mornings

We always need volunteer ushers for Shabbat mornings. You only have to help for part of the service. Please contact Carol Dikman, x255, if you can offer help on a regular basis, such as one Shabbat a month, one every other month, etc.

• 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

• Mevarkhim HaHodesh Israel Learning

Saturday, Dec. 20, 88th St., after services: Each Mevarkhim HaHodesh, we join together to study a text selected by an Israeli teacher or leader as a foundational text in his/her understanding of Israel, as well as that person's commentary on the text. **The Shabbat Mevarkhim learning is made possible through the generosity of Jonathan and Orli Silver in honor of their parents Rochelle and Maks Etingin, Carol Silver and their children Elliot, Ben and Leah.**

• Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

Thursday, Dec. 25, 7 PM, 88th St.: Join Rabbis Felicia Sol and Jessica Zimmerman to welcome the new moon on this holiday traditionally associated with women. Please bring a kosher/vegetarian snack. Registration is not required. For info, call Rabbi Zimmerman at x253.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• BJ's Hanukkah Celebration

Sunday, Dec. 21, 4 PM, 88th St.: Join our whole community as we celebrate the Festival of Lights. The afternoon will include a puppet show with puppeteer Len Levitt, and will conclude with candle-lighting, latkes, and sufganiyot for everyone. For more info, or to RSVP, please contact Amy at aberenon@bj.org or x248.

• Holiday Light – Joyous Music of Hanukkah and Christmas

Monday, Dec. 22, 7:30 PM, SPSA, 86th St.: Come to an interfaith concert featuring the Western Wind, with Rabbi Felicia Sol and Reverend K Karpen. A Meet the Artists reception/community sing with holiday food and drink follows the concert. Concert tickets: \$20 reserved, \$15 gen'l admission, \$12 senior/student, \$5 kids under 14, TDF accepted. Patron's Row tickets (includes concert and reception): \$100 (\$80 tax deductible); Sponsor tickets (concert and reception): \$50 (\$30 tax deductible). For tickets and reservations, contact The Western Wind at info@westernwind.org, 212-873-2848, or 800-788-2187.

• African Jewry: A Hanukkah Celebration of its History and Culture

Tuesday, Dec. 23, 7 PM, JCC, 334 Amsterdam Ave. @ W 76th St.: Celebrate Africa's Jewish communities with candle-lighting, regional foods, traditional music and inspirational conversation. Honored guest speakers will share personal reflections on the highlights and struggles of historical and present day African Jewish communities of the Abayudaya of Uganda, Beta Israel of Ethiopia, and Arabic/Maghrebi Jewish communities of Morocco and Yemen. Register at 646-505-5708 or on-line at www.jccmanhattan.org. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

• Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer's 10th Yahrzeit: In Celebration of His Life

Friday, Jan. 9 and Saturday, Jan. 10: Join us and the Meyer Family on Friday at 6 PM for a special Kabbalat Shabbat service in celebration of Rabbi Meyer's life, with a reading selected from his teachings. At morning services on Saturday, Marshall's son, Gabriel Meyer, will be our special guest speaker. At 6:30 PM at 88th St., we will hold a special Havdalah which will include a video about Marshall's life and work, a video message by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, a presentation by Aryeh Neier on human rights and social activism, and will conclude with musical offerings.

• BJ Book Group!

Sunday, Jan. 11, 7 PM, 88th St.: The BJ Book Group meets next to discuss *The Swine's Wedding* by Daniel Weiss. The novel is funny, daring, dark and profound, and deals with, among other things, the Inquisition, intermarriage, Sephardic history, love and the tug of Jewish consciousness. Mr. Weiss, who is now working on a screenplay based on the novel, will join us for the discussion.

• Arthur Hertzberg Visits BJ

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

• B'nai Jeshurun's In-Home Community Catered Shabbat Dinner

Friday Evening, Jan. 16: Enjoy Shabbat in members' homes on the Upper West or East Side, where you'll share a catered Shabbat meal with other members of the BJ community. **To be a host:** Call x351 or email us at Welcome@bj.org and also fill out the attached form. On phone message, include your 1) name, 2) age, 3) exact address, (including apt. # with cross streets,) 4) phone # day/eve 5) the maximum # of guests you can accommodate. *To be a host, you must be a BJ member.* **To be a Guest:** Please fill out the form attached to the KJ. The deadline for guests is January 2. *Cost is \$25 for BJ adult members. See form for other fees.* The form will soon be available on line at www.bj.org.

• BJ and the Dialogue Project

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. Please join us!

• **"Night of 100 Dinners" – BJ's Annual Fundraiser**

Why is the event being held on a date that is during some Private School vacations? We tried to avoid as many conflicts with the date as possible, but unfortunately the 88th St. Sanctuary is in great demand and had already been booked (years in advance!) for many dates. We were not able to find an open date which avoided everything. If you will be away on March 20, you can still have a dinner and participate. Why not invite friends for dinner on a different night prior to the actual event? If your dinner guests will be in town, they are invited to attend the dessert reception on March 20, 2004. Give us a call at the Night of 100 Dinners hotline, x307, and we can help you make plans.

• **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 are available on www.bj.org. For further info, call x254.

SINGLES

• **Hanukkah Dinner at Darna**

Saturday, Dec. 20, 7:30 PM: The first Darna dinner was so great we're having another! Those who are registered can meet, eat and socialize, at 600 Columbus Ave., at the corner of 89th St.

• **Oneg Shabbat**

Friday, Jan. 9, 88th St.: Your New Years resolution is to come to the singles' oneg. So let's do it. Food, fun and friends. Following 6:45 PM services at our monthly gathering. Refreshments served. **Note the new location – 88th St. SEE YOU THERE!**

• **Co-sponsored Dance with B'nai Jeshurun and Anshe Chesed**

Jan. 11, at Anshe Chesed, 100th & Broadway: Jump, jive and wail with Reba Perez of Empire Dance and a crowd of fun people ready to cut a rug! Get into the swing of things with a basic Swing lesson at 7 PM. No partner or experience necessary. We rotate partners during the class, to give you a chance to practice your new moves and meet everyone at the party. At 9 PM a fabulous dance show featuring "A Touch of Class" will knock your socks off. Cost is \$20 (\$15 AC/BJ/MOMC members). No reservations necessary. Volunteers are needed (in return for free admission). Call Michael B. (212-678-7881 before 9 PM) to volunteer.

FAMILY LIFE

• **Tot Shabbat**

Friday, Dec. 19, 5:45 PM 86th St.: Join musician Jody Prusan for a short, sweet Kabbalat Shabbat service for families with kids 5 and under. A light kiddush will follow. Tot Shabbat is on the 3rd Friday each month.

• **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 of 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 or x260.

• **Third Grade Families Cooking for the Shelter**

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 5-6:30 PM, 88th St. Frankel Hall: Third graders and their families are invited to cook for BJ's homeless shelter. To volunteer, please contact Ulrika Citron at u.citron@verizon.net or 212-877-0880.

HEBREW SCHOOL

• **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.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **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: 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.

• **Access Computer Expert Needed For Panim el Panim!**

We are looking for someone who can volunteer a few hours of time to create queries and reports for an important Social Action/Social Justice project on Access. Please contact Amanda at asilver@bj.org or x259.

• **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 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 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.

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...Limud (Adult Education) is one of the cornerstones of our community. While many of our courses are offered at no cost to our members, they are not free. Your contribution helps make these programs available to everyone. Your gift of \$5000 allows us to bring a visiting scholar from Israel to spend Shabbat with our community. \$1000 will bring the community Divrei Torah written by our members each week to you for one year. \$800 will support the Mevarkhim HaHodesh learning opportunities available to the entire community once a month.

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

BJ is seeking "computer savvy" people with their own equipment to digitally scan a large number of photos. We will also need the help of video editors later. This is for a special project to mark the 10th yahrzeit 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, contact Carol Dikman at x255 or Cdikman@BJ.org.

• **Do You Love The Music Of BJ's Shabbat Services?**

You can take it home with you by purchasing our CD, "With Every Breath," featuring Rabbis Roly Matalon and Marcelo Bronstein and Cantor Ari Priven. Cost: \$18. Buy online at www.bj.org, or drop by the office between 9:00 and 4:30, Monday to Thursday, and until 2:30 on Friday.

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

"Barukh sheamar vehayah ha-olam – Blessed is God who spoke and brought about the world." The Baal Shem Tov wondered what that sounded like. When God created the world, by speaking, how did it sound? Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, like others, believes that the opening words of creation were offered in song. God sang creation into being. At BJ, we sing our praise to God, creating deeper gratitude, fuller hearts and richer joy.

– Rabbi Meir Feldman

THIS WEEK IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY

On Christmas Eve, 1969, the residents of the French port of Cherbourg were awakened by the sounds of revving engines. The sounds, however, soon faded, as the boats sailed out to sea. Their destination was the Israeli port city of Haifa.

Twenty-four hours later, the furious French government, led by Prime Minister Charles DeGaulle realized that the audacious Israelis had stolen their boats. Israel's unexpected piracy was a direct response to France's unexpected weapons embargo. France had been Israel's ally and chief weapons supplier since 1948. The fickle French policy had suddenly changed. The Six-Day War and subsequent skirmishes between Israel and its neighbors produced heavy Arab pressure on the French to stop their support of Israel. The alliance with the Jewish State no longer served France's interest.

Five "Sa'ar II" boats had been ordered and paid for by the Israeli navy. DeGaulle reneged on the deal and refused to deliver the boats or return the money. For seven long days the Israeli sailors, disguised as Norwegians, captured the world's attention. Every major newspaper in the world wrote of the daring Mossad (Israeli Secret Service) operation against a super power. The French convened their leadership to discuss the situation and decide whether they should react militarily.

On December 31, all five boats docked safely in Israel. The French had decided to limit their protests to diplomatic channels.

– The Israel Committee

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