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MIKETZ - HANUKKAH  
 MEVARKHIM HAHOODESH

TORAH

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

**TRIENNIAL:** Genesis 41:1 - 41:52

**HAFTARA:** Zekhariah 2:14 - 4:7

NEXT WEEK: VAYIGASH

TORAH

**ANNUAL:** Genesis 44:18 - 47:27

**TRIENNIAL:** Genesis 44:18 - 45:27

**HAFTARA:** Ezekiel 37:15 - 28

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY  
 OF THE WEEK

PANIM EL PANIM: CHILDREN'S ACTION  
 HEVRA

Ralph Bunche Teachers' Wish List

Through the Children's Action Hevra, B'nai Jeshurun has formed a partnership with the Ralph Bunche School in Morningside Heights. The BJ/Ralph Bunche School literacy program is well under way with BJ volunteers currently tutoring 40 Ralph Bunche students on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-10:30AM. Now there is an opportunity for all BJ members to participate in the partnership by helping to provide teachers with the supplies they need to support a quality education. Please take a flyer from the back of the sanctuary for more information and sign up to contribute to the Teachers' Wish List!

Questions? Contact the Children's Action Hevra at x301.

check [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) for more details.

December 10 - 17, 2004

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

Kabbalat Shabbat Family Service

5th Grade BJHS Dinner

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

Shabbat Service

Children's Service

Bar Mitzvah

Ledor Vador Luncheon

*Mayses Un Muzik* Hanukkah Celebration

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Morning Minyan

Community Hanukkah Celebration

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

Morning Minyan

Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Morning Minyan

4th Grade Families Cook for the Shelter

Gesher

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Morning Minyan

Kesharim

Limud: Deepening Our Spiritual Practice

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

Morning Minyan

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

Limud: Parashat HaShavu'a

MTM Rabbinic Fellow Katie Mizrahi

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Morning Minyan

27 Kislev - 5 Tevet 5765

4TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

6:00 PM - 88th St.

Following early service - 88th St.

6:45 PM - 86th St.

5TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

9:30 AM - 86th St.

10:45 AM - 86th St.

Jesse Schreck

12:30 PM - 88th St. (Pg. 3)

7:30 PM - 88th St. (Pg. 2)

6TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

9:30 AM - 88th St.

4 PM - 88th St.

7TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

ROSH HODESH TEVET

7:30 AM - 88th St.

7:00 PM - Call x234 for location (Pg. 2)

8TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

7:30 AM - 88th St.

4:00 PM - 88th St.

5:00 PM - BJ Office

SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE:

There will only be **one** Kabbalat Shabbat service Friday evening **December 24** and **December 31**. Services will be held both evenings at 6:00PM, at 88th St.

Shabbat morning service **December 25** and **January 1** will remain at 86th St./SPSA.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAMAKOM YENAH'EM

**The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to the following members and their families:**

- Joyce Zinbarg Rosenthal, Steven, Rebecca, Talia and Shira Rosenthal on the death of Joyce's beloved father, Benson Zinbarg.
- Carl and Judith Felsenfeld on the death of Carl's beloved aunt, Ethel Arnstein.

This Hanukkah, we invite our community to light the Hanukkah in their homes with added Kavanah (intention). You will find our annual Hanukkah Kavanot flier at services and on our website, [www.BJ.org](http://www.BJ.org)

### MAZAL TOV

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### COMMUNITY DINNERS

• **A Tzeirim-20's & 30's Community Shabbat & Hanukkah Dinner**  
**Friday, December 10.** This event is full and we are unable to accommodate any more people. Thank you for your interest and we hope you'll be able to join us for another Tze'irim event soon. If you are interested in becoming involved in Tze'irim, please contact Rabbi Felicia Sol at [fsol@bj.org](mailto:fsol@bj.org) or x222.

• **Latin American Shabbat Dinner**  
**Argentine Jewry: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow**  
**Friday, December 17, 7:30PM, 88th Street:** Join the BJ Latin America Committee for a Shabbat dinner with Ambassador Hector Timerman, Consul General of the Argentine Republic in New York who will share reminiscences about his family and their relationship with Rabbi Marshall Meyer, as well as his thoughts on the present state and future of Argentine Jewry. **This dinner is fully subscribed.**

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• **A Hanukkah Celebration: Mayses Un Muzik (stories and music) from the Jewish World of Eastern Europe**  
**Saturday, December 11, 7:30PM, at 88th St.:** This Hanukkah, Yale Strom and Elizabeth Schwartz celebrate the publication of their new book, *A WANDERING FEAST: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE JEWISH CULTURE OF EASTERN EUROPE*. Join us for a high-spirited evening of entertainment. Come and be transported to this vibrant world as Yale is joined on stage by vocalist and co-author Elizabeth Schwartz and the other members of his ensemble, Hot Pstromi. Don't miss this special evening of high energy klezmer music, stories, songs, Yiddish culture, neshome and joy as we celebrate the festival of Hanukkah. Cost: \$15 members /\$20 non-members. Register online! [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org)

• **Bioethics Colloquium**  
**Monday, December 13, 5:30 - 7:30PM** at New York-Presbyterian Hospital (177 Fort Washington Avenue): Columbia University Center for Bioethics in collaboration with the Bioethics Institute of New York Medical College invites you to join us for the monthly colloquium on Spirituality, Religious Wisdom, and the Care of the Patient Featuring Helen Alvare, JD Associate Professor of Law, Columbus School of Law Catholic University of America and Rabbi Tsvi Blanchard, PhD Director of Organizational Development, CLAL Jewish Center for Learning & Leadership. The topic this month will be Loneliness in the Context of Illness. This colloquium is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Steven Z. Miller, planning committee member and moderator for the September colloquium. His humanism was an inspiration for us all.

• **Rosh Hodesh Women's Group**

**To the following members and their families:**

- Jesse, Ira and Daniel Schreck and Barbara Ginsberg on Jesse becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Lauren O'Leary Gold on the adoption of her son, Ari Garrett Gold.
- Our new BJ members participating in the New Member Orientation Program tonight.

**The bimah flowers for this Shabbat** are sponsored by Ira Schreck and Barbara Ginsberg in honor of their son, Jesse Schreck, becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

**Monday, December 13, 7PM:** Join Rabbi Felicia Sol for an evening to welcome in the month of Tevet with study and discussion and celebrate the 7th night of Hanukkah. Please bring a dairy/vegetarian dish to share. RSVP to [pwilliams@bj.org](mailto:pwilliams@bj.org) or call x234 for the location.

**Candlelight Vigil for the Victims of Ongoing Genocide in Darfur**  
**Monday, December 13, 6:30 - 7:30PM** at Washington Square Park (Fountain Plaza): Take a stand against the ongoing genocide and ethnic cleansing in the Darfur region of Sudan. Vigil is sponsored by Columbia Coalition for Sudan, NYU Law Students for Human Rights, the Darfur Rehabilitation Project, the students of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah, Jews Against Genocide, and the American Anti-Slavery Group. Sign up at <http://www.iabolish.com/nycvigil> 800-884-0719 for more information.

• **IMAGINARY WITNESS: Hollywood and the Holocaust**  
**Sunday, December 19, 7:30PM, 88th St.:** Please join us for a screening of a new 90-minute documentary depicting Hollywood's complex and fascinating response to the horrors of Nazi Germany. Utilizing carefully selected excerpts from poignant films, told through first-hand accounts by directors, actors, writers, and producers, the film covers some of Hollywood's most important movies, including *The Mortal Storm*, *The Great Dictator*, *The Search*, *Judgment at Nuremberg*, *Sophie's Choice*, and *Schindler's List*. It is a provocative film that asks hard questions about the responsibility of filmmakers in their portrayal of history, and about the power of film itself to affect the way we look at ourselves. The program will feature a panel discussion with the director Daniel Anker, film scholar Annette Insdorf and author Thane Rosenbaum. Moderated by filmmaker Myriam Abramowicz. Refreshments served. Cost \$7 members/\$10 non-members, at the door. For info, call Anne at x240.

• **BJ Book Group - "Joy Comes in the Morning"**  
**Sunday, January 23, 7PM** at 88th St.: The BJ Book Group will meet to discuss "Joy Comes in the Morning," a new novel by BJ member Jonathan Rosen, who will be present to take part in the conversation. The recently published novel, which is set in part on the Upper West Side and features a young woman rabbi, has been described as "a warm, generous, and often funny meditation on family and faith."

## CREATING KEHILLAH

### SINGLES

#### • Dorot Hanukkah Package Delivery

If you have registered for this event, please meet our group **Sunday, December 12** at 11AM at DOROT (171 West 85th St. near Amsterdam). Orientation will be held on the 5th floor. Following the orientation, we will pair up into our teams of 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 spent chatting and visiting.

### YOUTH & FAMILY EDUCATION

#### • Teen Shabbat

Teen Shabbat is a Shabbat morning service run entirely by teens. We will be celebrating it on **Saturday, January 29**. Teens are needed to read Torah, present d'vrei Torah, lead Shacharit, the Torah Service, and Musaf. Teens can also play music and perform readings that add to the kavanah of the service. For more information, contact Leah Zimmerman at leah.zimm@verizon.net or (917) 748-9668.

#### • Family Hanukkah Celebration

**Sunday, December 12, 4 - 6PM** at 88th St.: Please join us for a Family Hanukkah Celebration featuring a Hanukkah shadow puppet show, arts and crafts, candlelighting and snacks. Fun for all ages! For more information contact Kerrith at x253.

#### • 4th Graders and their Families Cooking for the Shelter

Tuesday, December 14th, 4:30PM: All 4th graders and their families are invited to help prepare a simple meal for the guests of BJ's Homeless Shelter. To volunteer, please contact Beth Kern at beth.kern@att.net or (212) 724-5336.

### SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

#### • Panim el Panim: Women's Rights - Take Action: Letter Writing Campaign

In Bush's second term, the replacement of one or two justices could tip the balance of the court against Roe v. Wade and affect the future of other social issues. Let President Bush know what you really think about his policies on women's health and reproductive freedom. Write a personal letter and Planned Parenthood Action will deliver it to President Bush. Let's flood his office before his January 20 inauguration. Go to:

(<http://www.ppaction.org/campaign/DearW/step1.tcl>) For further information about the work of the BJ Women's Rights Hevra, please call our voice mail at x369 or email pwax@bcn.net to be placed on our mailing list.

#### • Mitzvah While You Sleep

Volunteer for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter! We need 6-10 new volunteers to do one of the following: (1) sleep at the shelter once a month or (2) volunteer for set-up one evening a month. Support one of BJ's longest running social justice programs. Sign up and contact Shelter Co-Chair, Robert Imershein at (212) 339-4250 or rimershein@capstarny.com for more info.

### LEDOR VADOR

#### • Ledor Vador Intergenerational Luncheon

**Saturday, December 11**, If you have registered for this event, please join us at 88th St. Frankel Hall following Shabbat services. Guest speaker and BJ member Congressman Jerry Nadler addresses a "Post-Election Analysis". As a member of the House of Representatives, he has been a champion on issues of aid for seniors, women's rights, health care and much more.

### HAVUROT

#### • Healthcare Professionals Havurah

Join us for a pot-luck lunch on the third Saturday of each month at 1PM following services. Email your name, address, email, telephone, and profession to Shashdale@aol.com. Location of meetings will be emailed to you. For more info, call Sharon at (212) 875-8508.

#### • Havurah in Formation

**Friday, December 24**, following the early service: Havurah in formation will host a community Shabbat dinner. We are assembling a group of BJ members aged 40+ who are interested in creating meaning and connection by coming together for Friday night dinners once a month. Singles and couples welcome. This first dinner will be limited to 25 people. Please e-mail Havura40Plus@yosefa.galchen.com

### VOLUNTEERING

#### • Volunteers Needed During Hanukkah:

**Tuesday, December 7 - Tuesday, December 14**

The Jewish Home & Hospital is seeking volunteers to help brighten the lives of their residents during the eight days of Hanukkah. Needed: Adults and children familiar with blessings and Hanukkah songs to help light menorahs in the nursing home. For further information, please email jedelstein@jhha.org or call (212) 870-4959. To volunteer, ask for Rabbi Judith Edelstein or Cantor Daniel Pincus.

### BJ@180

In 2005, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun will celebrate its 180th Anniversary. There are a number of events and initiatives being planned for a year long celebration of our "minyana of chais". Although we're still in the planning stages, some sort of publication will be produced as a keepsake of this milestone. We'd like to include any personal family histories or memories that our members would like to share with the community - specifically historical anecdotes. We can't guarantee that everything will be published and please be advised that anything you send will become the property of BJ which will retain all rights to the material. Please send your story to Rebekah Bergman at rbergman@bj.org or to 2109 Broadway, Suite 203, New York, 10023: att: Rebekah.

• **Seeking Divrei Torah**

You have an opportunity to be one of 54 teachers of Torah in our community this year! Throughout the year, as you know, a weekly d'var torah on the parashat hashavu'a is disseminated to our community. We have already found people to write divrei torah for some of this year's parashiyot, but there are still many openings for BJ members (first come, first serve). If you are a BJ member and would be interested in writing a d'var torah, please call or e-mail Miya (x256 or mrotstein@bj.org) as soon as possible.

• BJ's **Shabbat Torah Study** is starting up again! Please find Shelly at the back of the sanctuary on Shabbat for more information.

*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 Klief Rose, x264.*

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**WELCOME TO B'NAI JESHURUN!** If you are unfamiliar with our services, see our "Welcome to BJ" brochure at the back of the sanctuary, or ask an usher.

• **Membership at B'nai Jeshurun:** Are you considering joining BJ? Would you like information about becoming a member? BJ is also pleased that visitors choose to connect with us when they are in town. Why don't you consider joining our community as a BJ Friend? Contact Membership Director Belinda Lasky at x224 or blasky@bj.org

• **A Note from the Ushers:** For those at the Friday night service at 88th St., please bring your books to the back as you leave. Place damaged books or tallitot in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary. We ask that men wear kippot upon entering the sanctuary and during services. We do not allow food in the sanctuary. So that we may prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before the services begin.

**FOCUS ON ISRAEL**

"L'shanah habah b'Yerushalayim" by Rena Chelouche Fogel

This phrase echoed through my mind when I revisited Israel at Succoth. I returned to the house of my great-grandfather, grandfather and father in Naveh Zedek for my family's reunion. The day before, I sat in the same spot as my great-grandfather had, under the eucalyptus trees that the fathers and mothers of my family planted, and unrolled the newly created graphic family tree onto the grass.

My great-grandfather was the first one to be born in then Palestine in the beginning of the nineteenth century. His father's family had set out from Algeria in two ships to come to the land of his biblical fathers. "L'shanah habah b'Yerushalayim - Next year in Jerusalem." One ship sank and the other survived, landing in the port of Jaffa. I counted the generations on the family tree. I am the fourth. There are now seven generations who live, work, give birth and die here in Israel. I look up at the breeze wafting through the leaves of the trees. My eyes travel down the trunk, and where the trunk meets the ground, I can see the gnarled roots descending into the earth. This is where I come from. But now I am so far away. I must remember L'shanah habah b'Yerushalaem when I am in New York. I must not sink like the ship that sank in the Mediterranean. I must land and return to Israel often, and sit on the grass, and look at the trees descending into the earth as my biblical fathers and mothers did, as my great-grandfather, grandfather, and father did, and remember L'shanah habah b'Yerushalayim.

Edited by Robin Fleischner, Co-Chair BJ Israel Steering Committee, robinfleischner@aol.com

**D'VAR TEFILLAH - HANUKKAH LIGHTS**

**A MITZVAH LISHMAH, FOR ITS OWN SAKE**

**Keva:** As we light the Hanukkah candles, it is traditional to say the prayer, Hanerot Hallalu (these candles), which first appeared in the Talmud, Soferim 20:6. "These lights we kindle for the miracles, and the wonders and the salvations and the victories that You performed for our ancestors in their day at this season through Your holy priests. All eight days of Hanukkah, these candles are holy. We are not permitted to use their light but only to look at them in order to express thanks and to praise Your great name for Your miracles and wonders and Your salvations."

**Kavanah:** Unlike the candles of Shabbat, which we must use in some way (within permitted Shabbat guidelines), we are not to use the light of the Hanukkah candles for any ordinary purpose. We light the candles purely for their own sake, in Hebrew, lishmah. What is the difference between doing something lishmah (for its own sake) and having another purpose in mind? Why would this mitzvah in particular be lishmah?

MTM Rabbinic Fellow Katie Mizrahi

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