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December 22 - 29, 2006

1 - 8 Tevet, 5767

MIKETZ
TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 41:1 - 44:17
TRIENNIAL Genesis 43:16 - 44:17
MAFTIR Numbers 7:54 - 8:4
HAFTARAH I Kings 7:40 - 50

NEXT WEEK: **VAYIGASH**
TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 44:18 - 47:27
TRIENNIAL Genesis 46:28 - 47:27
HAFTARAH Ezekiel 37:15 - 28

**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE
 OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK**

Help the BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership
 Expand: Math Volunteers Needed

We're looking for volunteers who enjoy working with children and are comfortable with numbers (advanced math skills not required). If you can volunteer from 12:00 noon to 1:00PM and would like to work with a 4th grader one day a week, please contact Ilene Richman at i.richman@att.net for more information. Volunteers are needed for a short term, two-month program for January and February.

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22 8 TH CANDLE HANUKKAH • ROSH HODESH TEVET		
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 PM	88th St.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23		
Shabbat Hanukkah Services	9:30 AM	86th St.
Children's Services	10:45 AM	86th St. Parlor and Chapel
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24		
Morning Minyan	9:30 AM	88th St.
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter	7:00 PM	86th St. Social Hall
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25		
BJHS CLOSED • BJ OFFICE CLOSED		
Morning Minyan	9:30 AM	88th St.
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter	7:00 PM	88th St. Frankel Hall
<i>Limud</i> : Introduction to Judaism*	No class this week	
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26		
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM	88th St.
<i>Limud</i> : Gems of Genesis*	8:10 AM	88th St.
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter	7:00 PM	88th St. Frankel Hall
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27		
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM	88th St.
Kesharim	2:00 PM	88th St.
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter	7:00 PM	86th St. Social Hall
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28		
BJHS CLOSED		
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM	88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program	12:00 PM	88th St. Frankel Hall
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter	7:00 PM	86th St. Social Hall
<i>Limud</i> : Parashat HaShavu'a*	7:00 PM	BJ Office
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29		
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM	88th St.

PLEASE NOTE:
 On Friday, December 22 and Friday, December 29, there will be only one Kabbalat Shabbat service: 6:30PM at 88th Street.

* Please see the BJ website, www.bj.org, for more information and how to register.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM

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

- Marian Mass and on the death of her beloved uncle, Alvin Mass.
- Marcia Annenberg on the death of her beloved mother, Francis Annenberg.
- Nathana Josephs and Caroline Koppelman on the death of their beloved father and grandfather, Harry Josephs.
- Susan Green and Elizabeth Scafidi on the death of their beloved mother and grandmother, Naomi Kohn.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Shabbat Onegs at BJ: A Taste of the World to Come!

Friday, January 5, following the late service, 88th Street: Shabbat in the 21st century doesn't have to look like the traditional meal of generations past—maybe there's live music, maybe there's no Manischewitz. You bring the kosher wine/grape juice (we ask everyone to contribute) and we'll provide light finger food and a great space to socialize.

• In commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday

Shabbat morning, January 13, luncheon to follow with Rev. Flowers: Please join us in welcoming Reverend Kenneth James Flowers to Shabbat services. Reverend Flowers will be visiting from Detroit, Michigan where he is the Pastor at Greater New Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church. Reverend Flowers is well known for his passion for social justice and the unity of humanity. He has visited Israel on four occasions and is committed to Black-Jewish dialogue. He initiated interfaith dialogue in his hometown through an ongoing relationship with Temple Beth El, the oldest synagogue in Michigan. Please join us for a buffet brunch at 88th St. immediately following services. Cost: \$15 per person, registration required. For more information please visit www.bj.org or call Sarah Michelson, x234.

• Community Shabbat Dinner with Cantor Ari Priven

Friday, January 19, following the 5:45PM service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join Cantor Ari Priven for a harmonious, rhythmically charged Shabbat dinner. Register before January 5, \$35 members/\$45 non-

- Cindy Levy on the death of her beloved grandmother, Sylvia Feuerman.

TODAH RABBAH

- To the following members for hosting visiting Israelis for Shabbat dinner: Estare and David Weiser, Mary and Stefan Krieger, April and Paul Klausner, and Anne Millman.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Participants in the Gvanim program for Tel Aviv High School Principals with the Friends of the Israeli Scouts.

members; after January 5, \$45/\$55. Registration is first-come, first-served. Register online at www.bj.org or call Amanda at x233.

• A Community Conversation about the Recent Decisions on Homosexuality of the Rabbinical Assembly's Committee on Law and Jewish Standards

Tuesday, January 23, 8:00PM, 88th Street: Join Rabbis Roly Matalon and Felicia Sol for a conversation about the meaning of the CJLS vote.

• SAVE THE DATE: The Second Annual Concert of Music of the BJ Musicians

Saturday, February 3, 8:00PM, 88th Street: Join us as our resident musicians offer an eclectic mix of styles. \$15/\$10 students.

• BJ Goes To Israel: June 28–July 8, 2007

Be part of Israel's spiritual renewal when BJ brings a Torah to our partners at Hamidrasha this summer. Our trip will further an extraordinary mission: just as BJ has contributed to the revitalization of Judaism in America, it is now playing a similar role in Israel. Be inspired and energized by discussion and celebration with our Israeli spiritual partners—groups dedicated to forging new paths into Judaism. Rabbi Roly Matalon will lead 75 BJ members in an exploration of what makes for holiness in space and time. For more information, look for announcements in the *Kol Jeshurun*, *Kol Hadash*, and community emails, or contact Jillian Cameron at jcameron@bj.org or x241.

UPCOMING LIMUD

Please see the BJ website, www.bj.org, for more information and how to register.

• Shabbat: A Sanctuary in Time

Rabbi Jay Moses, *Chapter 3*

Saturday, January 6 • 4:00PM • 86th St. Social Hall • Cost: Free, registration not required. During the course of Abraham Joshua Heschel's centennial year, we will read together as a community Heschel's *The Sabbath*. On the first Shabbat of each month, a different rabbi/teacher in our community will teach one chapter through various sources. All are encouraged to buy the book and bring it to the Shabbat afternoon sessions (copies of each chapter **will not** be distributed). Concludes with havdalah.

• Jewish Practice Skills Workshop: Torah Study

Rabbi Dara Frimmer

3 Tuesdays (January 9, 16, 23) • 7:00–8:30PM • 88th St. Sanctuary

• Cost: Free, registration required. What are the wide range of Jewish texts and what skills are used to understand them? What are some of the techniques used by the rabbis to understand the Torah and can we learn how to better dissect a Jewish text?

• Abraham Joshua Heschel: Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

6 Wednesdays (January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14)

• 6:30–8:00PM • 88th St. Frankel Hall • Cost: Free, registration required. We will mark Heschel's centennial by reviewing some of his teachings on faith, spirituality, halakhah and social activism.

• Lunchtime class: Text Study on Mekhilta De Rabbi Ishmael Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

6 Thursdays (January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15) • 12:30–1:45PM

• BJ Office, Ansonia Building, 2109 Broadway, Suite 203 • Cost: Free, registration required. In the months when we read and experience Yitzi'at Mitzrayim (the Exodus from Egypt) and Kabbalat HaTorah (the Revelation of Torah), we will do a close text study on this early midrashic work on the book of Exodus with a primary focus on the midrashim on the Exodus and the Revelation on Mount Sinai. Texts will be given out in Hebrew and English, though studied in English. No prior knowledge necessary. Bring your own kosher-dairy/vegetarian lunch.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **Join the Environmental Action Hevra in Saving Energy and Reducing Greenhouse Gases**
Purchase CFLs Online at a Discounted Rate! Our country disproportionately contributes to global warming with over-consumption and ill-advised environmental policies. Through "Greening BJ," the Environmental Action Hevra hopes to reduce our community's environmental footprint by changing our environmental habits and adding our voice to local campaigns that seek policy solutions. CFLs, which save save 75% of the energy that incandescent bulbs use, are available through the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life at only \$2.25 each. Go to www.bulbs.com, click on "Your Account" and enter info@coejl.org for the email and COEJL for the password. To replace a 75 watt incandescent bulb, you should order the Max Lite Micro Max Spiral 20 watt bulb, item number SKS20EA Warm White. Contact info@coejl.org for more information.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **Junior Congregation**
Saturday, January 6, 10:30AM: We're looking for leaders and participants for our next Shabbat morning Junior Congregation. Please contact Rebecca Rosenthal at rosenthal@bj.org or x243 if you want to lead or learn to lead any of the prayers. Spots fill up fast, so don't delay!

• **Third Graders Cook for the Shelter**
Tuesday, January 9, 5:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: We invite all of BJ's 3rd graders and their families to prepare a simple meal for the guests of the BJ/SPSA homeless shelter. We will gather at 5:00PM in Frankel Hall to cook and set the table. We will conclude with a brief teaching about tikkun olam, repairing the world, and be finished by 6:30. If you would like to help, please RSVP to our January coordinator, Debbie Lerner, at edmjlerner@aol.com

TZE'IRIM: 205/305

• **Limmud NY Tze'irim Participants Dessert Party**
Thursday, January 4, 7:00PM: Tze'irim members registered for LimmudNY are invited to join together for a dessert reception. This is an opportunity to meet other Tze'irim members and begin the LimmudNY experience a week early. RSVP to bjtzeirim@yahoo.com

• **Tze'irim launches its new Book Club!**
Wednesday, January 17, 7:00PM: The first book we'll read is *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss, a brilliant and emotive look at the lives of strangers inexplicably linked through the complexities of life. Though there are some Jewish themes, this novel has universal appeal in its approach to understanding love, loneliness and the human spirit. Bring ideas for future books to read. RSVP to David at DAE323@hotmail.com

• **Shabbat Without Chairs Potluck Dinner**
Friday, January 26, following the late service: Members of the Tze'irim community will open their homes for our famous potluck dinners. All dinners are dairy/vegetarian. Each attendee is asked to bring a dish that feeds 8-10 people. RSVP with your name and age to Shabbatwithoutchairs@yahoo.com by January 24. Please note that each guest must sign up individually.

INTERFAITH

• **Annual Interfaith Lecture: The Significance of the Dead Sea Scrolls for Judaism and Christianity**
Tuesday, January 30, 6:00–8:00PM, 88th Street: Join the Interfaith Committee and SPSA as we welcome guest speaker Dr. Adolfo Roitman. Dr. Roitman is the curator of the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum of Jerusalem. The Shrine of the Book houses the incredible Dead Sea Scroll collection, so we are pleased he will be sharing his wealth of knowledge with us through an entertaining presentation. For more information, call the Interfaith hotline at x379.



KIDS' PURIM PLAY AUDITIONS

Tuesday, January 9 and Wednesday, January 10 (PLEASE NOTE THESE NEW DATES!), 4:00–6:00PM, 88th Street: Be a part of the magic that is the Purim Play!

PREPARE: To act, sing and dance. Kids will read from the script provided that day. If they would like to sing please have a short song prepared, a capella.

WHEN: Sign-up is at 4:00PM and is on a first-come, first-seen basis until 6:00PM. Once you have auditioned, you are free to go. Dress comfortably. Come either day.

WHO: Auditions are required only for children grades 2 and up. 1st graders will automatically be placed in the chorus and need not audition, although parents and children should come on one of the audition days to pick up information and conflict sheets and meet our production team. Kindergarten children should stop by, too; a special rehearsal schedule will be made for them. Children must be IN Kindergarten to participate, regardless of age.

REHEARSALS: General rehearsals are Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 4:00–6:00PM and Sundays 10:00 or 11:00AM–2:00PM. You must be available at least Tuesday or Wednesday AND Sunday to participate. See you at the auditions! Questions? Contact Michael at Kelberg@aol.com, subject: PURIM.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE WEEKLY KJ?

Many weeks a D'var Torah, written by a member of the BJ community, is published in the weekly *Kol Jeshurun*, posted on the BJ website, www.bj.org, and sent out via email with the BJ community email. We invite and encourage you to participate in this growing circle of BJ Torah teachers. No experience necessary! This teaching will allow each of us to study the parasha of the week and learn from one another in our community. Please contact Sarah Michelson at smichelson@bj.org for further information.

GENERAL INFORMATION

WELCOME TO B'NAI JESHURUN! If you are unfamiliar with our community and Shabbat services, see our "Welcome to BJ" brochure at the back of the sanctuary, or ask an usher to be seated next to a congregant familiar with the services.

• **Membership at B'nai Jeshurun:** Are you considering joining BJ? Would you like information on becoming a member? BJ is 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 7:15PM Friday night service, please bring books to the back as you leave. Tallitot and damaged books may be brought to the back of the sanctuary after Shabbat services. Men are asked to wear kippot during services.

Photography, cell phone use, and food is not permitted in the sanctuary. To prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before services begin.

• **Assistive Listening Devices for Services at BJ** are available during services at both 88th and 86th Streets. Contact the ushers at the back of the Sanctuary—and remember to return the devices when you leave.

JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN: See updated information about the Morning Minyan at www.bj.org/schedule.php where you can indicate what days you plan to attend and view how many people have signed up for the current week—and see where our need is greatest.

FOCUS ON ISRAEL

The "Focus on Israel" column presents information about our Israeli partnerships, texts and commentary on Israel, book reviews, and discussions of education, spirituality, and social justice in Israel.

PORTRAIT OF AN ISRAELI
By Joanne Palmer

I was talking about how Jerusalem, that ancient city of light on stone (and, yes, garbage in the street, but only if you look down) seems ageless, because stone doesn't age, but new Tel Aviv, all peeling stucco, looks dowdy and old, when our friend Jacob had enough. "Would you like to see the house my mother grew up in?" he asked.

Jacob, in his mid-40s, is a handsome third-generation Hungarian Israeli, a brilliant scientist and teacher. He has the look of a first-generation European émigré, one of those sad-eyed men Isaac Bashevis Singer put on the benches in the middle of Broadway.

Jacob drove us to downtown Tel Aviv, to rich, bustling Rothschild Boulevard. Although it's hard to understand why, given everything else, Israel's economy is booming visibly. Cranes loom over every street, traffic is choking, new products chase new money and generally find it. Brains, another friend tells us, are Israel's biggest natural resource, and the country's overflowing with them.

Jacob parked across the street from Max Brenner, the bustling, aromatic chocolate chain store that began in Israel. We crossed the street, to the brightly colored, eccentrically shaped, turn-of-the-20th-century Tuscan-style villa on the corner. Skyscrapers loom above it, huge new buildings surround it, a massive office building grows out of it. It now houses Sotheby's Israeli outpost; before that it had been the Russian embassy. Before that, it had been home to Jacob's family, which had made and lost banking fortunes. He has never been inside it; he looks wistfully from the outside and imagines his mother's long-ago childhood.

But just then, he had to rush back to his car. Tel Aviv's not a city for the sentimental, and the traffic cops were just about to boot it.

As always, in loving memory of Shira Palmer-Sherman, z"l.

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