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January 5 - 12, 2007

15 - 22 Tevet, 5767

VAYEHI

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 47:28 - 50:26
TRIENNIAL Genesis 49:27 - 50:26
HAFTARAH I Kings 2:1 - 12

NEXT WEEK: SHEMOT
TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 1:1 - 6:1
TRIENNIAL Exodus 4:18 - 6:1
HAFTARAH Isaiah 27:6 - 28:13, 29:22 - 23

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES 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.

BJ Blood Drive: Todah Rabbah
 Thank you to all 48 of you who came out to donate blood. This is a gift of life, given freely by you; it doesn't get much better than that! Thank you to Jack David Marcus who helped in the organization and support and without whom the Blood Drive would not be as seamless, nor as enjoyable.

BJ SUMMER ISRAEL TRIP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! JUNE 28-JULY 8, 2007
 Explore and discover the meaning of "holy" in Israel this summer! Accompany Roly and 75 fellow members on a BJ trip to Israel to participate in Israel's spiritual renewal by bringing a Torah to our sister community, Hamidrasha/ Niggun Halev. Join us in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and the North as we strengthen our connection to Israel and spend time with old and new BJ friends. For registration materials, including a preliminary itinerary, please contact Jillian Cameron, jcameron@bj.org or x241.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

Wandering Minyan 5:45 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service 5:45 PM – 88th St.
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:15 PM – 88th St.
Oneg Shabbat Following 7:15 PM Service – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Shabbat Services 9:30 AM – 86th St.
Junior Congregation 10:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall
Children's Services 10:45 AM – 86th St. Parlor and Chapel

Bat Mitzvah Sophie Klein

Limud: Shabbat: A Sanctuary in Time* with Rabbi Jay Moses 4:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall, followed by havdalah (SEE P.2)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Limud: Introduction to Judaism* 7:00 PM – BJ Office

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Limud: Gems of Genesis* 8:10 AM – 88th St.
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Limud: Jewish Practice Skills: Torah Study* 7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th St.
Limud: Heschel: Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity* 6:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Limud: Mekilta De Rabbi Ishmael* 12:30 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.2)
BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall
Limud: Parashat HaShavu'a* 7:00 PM – BJ Office

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Sophie, Mark, Rachel and Abbe Klein on Sophie becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Phil, Sharon, and Eli Gross on the birth of their daughter and sister, Nina.
- Leslie and Philip Silverman on the birth of their daughter, Sarah Emme.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Jeffrey Wildstein and Confirmation Class, Temple Beth David, Westwood, Massachusetts.
- Cantor Patricia Hickman, NFTY leader Tracy Griffin, and the NFTY group from Temple Israel of Brevard County, Viera, Florida.

TODAH RABBAH

To our Shabbat Oneg sponsors:

- The Shabbat Oneg Series has been generously sponsored by a

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. With music from Cantor Mordechai Schram, Gene Carr, Matt Turk, Basya Schechter, and Saskia Lane.
- **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, well known for his passion for social justice and the unity of humanity, is the Pastor at Greater New Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, MI. Buffet brunch at 88th St.: \$15/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

young couple who began attending Erev Shabbat services at B'nai Jeshurun in the early 1990s. The spirit and energy of the service, combined with the values of the synagogue, helped reconnect them to Judaism and develop a passion for the BJ community. It is this couple's hope that the onegs will continue to bring young Jews into BJ, helping to create a vibrant, creative, and dynamic community.

- It is with great appreciation that the Brazilian group offers a contribution to help sponsor this week's Shabbat Oneg. Shabbat services at BJ have become a meeting point for their group, comprised mostly of Brazilian students who have come to study in New York. They write: "We have not only been introduced to interesting and nice people but have also found a warm and energetic space to maintain our connections to our Jewish tradition while far away from our home. Through BJ, we feel connected to our family and Jewish community in Brazil and for that we are extremely grateful."

YASHER KOAH

- To BJ team members who participated in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk on September 10 and raised a record \$15,509.

Shabbat dinner. Due to the popularity of this event, online registration is now closed. Please contact Amanda Schanfield at x233 to find out if it is still possible to register.

- **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.

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. Don't delay—spots fill up fast!

TZE'IRIM: 205/305

- **Tze'irim Launches Its New Book Club!**
Wednesday, January 17, 7:00PM: Our first book will be *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss. RSVP to David at DAE323@hotmail.com

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. Please buy the book and bring it to class (copies **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?
- **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. **Before the first session on Wednesday, January 10**, please read the Introduction by Susannah Heschel (pp. vii-xxx) and "Pikuach Neshama: To Save a Soul" (pp.54-67) in Abraham Joshua Heschel's *Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity: Essays* (Farrar, Strauss, Giroux, available in paperback; photocopies will not be provided).

- **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 in Hebrew and English, although studied in English. No prior knowledge necessary. Bring your own kosher dairy/ vegetarian lunch.