



CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN

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KOL JESHURUN

MIKETZ

ROSH HODESH TEVET

SHABBAT HANUKKAH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 41:1 - 44:17

TRIENNIAL Genesis 41:53 - 43:15

1: 41:53 - 41:57

2: 42:1 - 42:5

3: 42:6 - 42:18

4: 42:19 - 42:28

5: 42:29 - 42:38

6: 43:1 - 43:15

(Rosh Hodesh) 7: Numbers 28:9 - 28:15

(Hanukkah) Maftir: Numbers 7:42 - 7:47

HAFTARAH Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7,
Isaiah 66:1,23

NEXT WEEK: **VAYIGASH**

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 44:18 - 47:27

TRIENNIAL Genesis 45:28 - 46:27

HAFTARAH Ezekiel 37:15 - 28

PLEASE NOTE: On **Friday, December 26** and **Friday, January 2**, there will be one Kabbalat Shabbat service only at 6:30PM at 88th Street.

! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY

• Sign The BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter Petition!

Please sign our petition to protect important services for homeless people in New York City. The NYC Department of Homeless Services has proposed reducing the hours of operation of drop-in centers, changing the model for delivering services to homeless people in the emergency shelter network and shifting those services away from the majority of homeless individuals in favor of the chronically street homeless. We believe these changes will reduce the number of homeless people served—at a time when economic distress may increase their numbers—and may create barriers to the continued participation of faith-based communities such as ours in providing shelter. **Go to the BJ website, www.bj.org to sign or find more information!** We hope you take action!

December 26, 2008–January 2, 2009

29 Kislev–6 Tevet, 5769

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

Shabbat Hanukkah Services

ROSH HODESH TEVET • 7TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

9:30 AM – 86th St.

Children's Services

10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Community Kiddush

Limud: Rosh Hodesh Women's Group*

Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

Following Services – 86th St. Parlor

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

Morning Minyan

ROSH HODESH TEVET • 8TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

9:30 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

BJHS CLOSED

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Limud: Introduction to Judaism*

No class this week

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Limud: The Book of Exodus

8:30 AM – 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

BJHS CLOSED • BJ OFFICE CLOSED

New Year's Day

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

Cancelled this week

Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a

No class this week

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

• **First Community Minḥa Service and Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer's 15th Yahrzeit**
Saturday, January 10, 3:45PM, 88th Street: We will start gathering on the second Shabbat of each month for a Minḥa service. Please join us on January 10 at 4:30PM for the first community Shabbat Minḥa. The service will be preceded by a lecture at 3:45PM (promptly) by JTS Chancellor Arnold Eisen marking Marshall's 15th yahrzeit.

* Please see the BJ website, www.bj.org, for more information and to register. (Registration for *Introduction to Judaism* is closed.)

Announcements

HA-MAKOM YENAHUM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Lynne Rosenthal and Steven, Rebekah and Avi Raber on the death of their beloved mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, Dorothy Rosenthal.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Eva Fogelman and Jerome Chanes on the recent Bar Mitzvah of their son, Adam Fogelman Chanes.

Community Activities

Friday Night Off-Broadway: Shabbat at BJ

Friday, January 9, following the 7:30PM service, 88th Street Sanctuary and Frankel Hall: Extend your Shabbat experience beyond services. Following the late service, BJ members and non-members in Tze'irim are invited to share an intimate Shabbat dinner together in Frankel Hall. This dinner is open to people in their 20s/30s ONLY. Please visit www.bj.org to register. At 10:00PM, the entire BJ community will be invited to enjoy dessert and celebrate Shabbat together with Margot Leverett and the Klezmer Mountain Boys, who will perform and lead us joyful Shabbat music. Cost: \$15 members/\$20 non-members. Contact Guy Felixbrodt, gfelixbrodt@bj.org, x255, for more information.

Yoga and Health

Tuesday, January 13, 10:30-11:45AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join Edya Kalev, registered yoga teacher and movement therapist, in a gentle and fun presentation of yoga and its benefits. Edya will show us how to incorporate simple breathing and stretching into your daily routine to balance and energize the body, mind and spirit. You will discover a kind of yoga that suits your needs. This event is for people of all ages and abilities. Free, registration required; contact Susan Kalev at skalev@bj.org.

Shabbat Suitcases

Have you always wanted to host a large group for Shabbat but didn't have enough supplies? Inviting people into your home to celebrate the Sabbath is not only a mitzvah—it will help to create the sense of community we are all looking for at BJ. Through a generous donation from one of our members, BJ has been able to create Shabbat Suitcases. Each suitcase has all the physical tools necessary to host a Shabbat gathering: 12 Zimrat Yah (books with songs and blessings), 12 kippot, candlesticks, a kiddush cup, and a havdalah set. Members may borrow a suitcase for the weekend and are asked to return it the following Monday. For more information, please contact Liz Stone at estone@bj.org or x233.

Silver Name Badges

New to BJ? Have questions about membership? Look for people wearing silver name badges—feel free to approach them with your questions or even just to introduce yourself—they can help!

Surveying our Community: Please Participate!

Keep your eyes open for a community-wide survey coming to you by e-mail in mid-to-late January. (A paper version will also be available.) This survey will be part of BJ's current "Community Building Initiative" which aims to improve how members create connections within the community. By taking this survey and telling us about your experiences at BJ, you will help to shape new and innovative membership programs and structures to strengthen our community. When you receive the survey, please take a few minutes to fill it out! For more information, please contact Guy Austrian, gaustrian@bj.org, x310.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

Kids' Purim Play 2009 Auditions, Rehearsal, Lunch and Activity

Sunday, January 4, 11:00AM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Anyone in Kindergarten and above is invited to join us for an entire cast rehearsal/activity to kick things off for our 2009 season! AUDITIONS: After lunch (approximately 12:30PM), children in grades K, 1 and 2 will be able to leave for the day and 3rd graders and older should stay for auditions. Kids will read from the script provided that day. If you would like to sing, please have a short song prepared *a cappella*. Please see full play details on the BJ website, www.bj.org. Questions? Contact Michael at kelberg@aol.com, Subject: PURIM.

4th Grade Families Cooking for the Shelter

Tuesday, January 6, 5:00-6:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: BJ's 4th graders and their families, no matter where the child receives his or her Jewish education, are invited to prepare a meal for the guests of the shelter. To participate, please contact Davey Rosen at drosen@bj.org or x244.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

Hanukkah Havoc Party at the Parlour

Saturday, December 27, 8:00PM, The Parlour (86th and Broadway): Join us downstairs at The Parlour for Hanukkah Havoc and get ready to party like it's eight nights in one—featuring a two-hour open bar, holiday-inspired refreshments, dancing, and of course, dreidel games. A fee of \$25 will be collected at the door, and, if you're feeling especially generous, we're requesting that people bring a small gift under \$10.00 to be randomly exchanged in an optional "grab bag." So mark your calendars, tell your friends and begin the countdown to Havoc! R.S.V.P. to Karen and Carly at TZKehillah@gmail.com.

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

Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Tevet: Hag HaBanut

Facilitated by Rabbis Felicia Sol and Esther Lederman, Marshall T. Meyer Fellow

Saturday, December 27 • following kiddush after Shabbat morning services • 86th Street Parlor • Free; registration not required. Join us for this special Sephardic tradition of the holiday honoring daughters and women heroes.

What Makes A Difference To 21st Century Teens & Pre-Teens

Rabbi Marcelo R. Bronstein and Dr. Ron Taffel

3 Tuesdays (January 13, 20, 27) • 7:00-8:30PM • 88th Street Sanctuary • Free; registration required. Having spent time with teens and children of all ages, listened to their views on many matters, and asked them what makes a real difference in their lives regarding thoughtful restraint,

empathy and compassion, genuine self-esteem and the pursuit of healthy passions, Marcelo and Ron will share with parents what they have personally seen and heard that brings out kids' best in this over-the-top culture. A unique, inside perspective on everyday parenting concerns.

The Rabbinic Mind on Sinai

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

6 Tuesdays (January 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17) • 12:30-1:45PM • BJ Office

• Free; registration required. Beginning with a close read of the biblical story, we will then take a step-by-step look at three different midrashic texts on the revelation on Mount Sinai: Pirke deRabbi Eliezer, Mekhilta deRabbi Ishmael and Exodus Rabbah. Come to understand how the rabbis think, and explore different explanations and understandings of the story and the ability to experience Sinai through studying it. No Hebrew reading necessary.