

קול ישרון

KOL JESHURUN



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VAYETZE
TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 28:10 - 32:3
TRIENNIAL Genesis 31:17 - 32:3
1: 31:17 - 31:21
2: 31:22 - 31:24
3: 31:25 - 31:35
4: 31:36 - 31:42
5: 31:43 - 31:45
6: 31:46 - 31:50
7: 31:51 - 32:3
Maftir: 32:1 - 32:3
HAFTARAH Hosea 12:13 - 14:10

NEXT WEEK: VAYISHLAH
TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 32:4 - 36:43
TRIENNIAL Genesis 35:15 - 36:43
HAFTARAH Ovadiah 1:1 - 21

November 27-December 4, 2009 10-17 Kislev, 5770

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27	
BJ OFFICE CLOSED	
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28	
Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary
Naming	Riley Tess Roberts
Children's Services	10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor
Community Kiddush	Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29	
Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary (SEE P.2)
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30	
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Limud: Introduction to Judaism*	7:00 PM – BJ Office
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1	
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Limud: The Book of Exodus*	8:30 AM – 88th St.
BJ Working Knowledge Initiative	10:00 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
5th Grade Families Cooking for the Shelter	5:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)
Limud: Abraham Joshua Heschel's Heavenly Torah*	6:30 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)
Limud: BJ Salon*	7:00 PM (SEE P.3)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2	
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Limud: Know Before Whom You Stand*	7:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.3)
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3	
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program	12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Limud: Perversion and Holiness*	12:30 PM (SEE P.3)
Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a*	7:00 PM – BJ Office
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4	
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Bim Bam	10:45 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

! NEW SERVICE TIMES

Please note that beginning December 4, Kabbalat Shabbat services will be at 5:45PM and 7:00PM.

Please note additional holiday weekend service time changes:

There will be only one Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 6:30PM on November 27, December 25, January 1 & 15, and February 12.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHM

- To Jason Fruithandler, graduate school intern in the Youth and Family Department, and his entire family on the death of his beloved grandmother, Lillian Fruithandler.

MAZAL TOV

- Debra, Jeremy and Daisy Roberts on the naming of their daughter and sister, Riley Tess Roberts.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Synagogue 3000 Report About BJ Published

A report about BJ prepared under the auspices of Synagogue 3000, *Spirituality at B'nai Jeshurun: Reflections of Two Scholars and Three Rabbis*, which combines the perspectives of outsiders and insiders as well as rabbis and social scientists, has just been published. It features the perspective of BJ's Rabbis in the article they wrote, *Jewish Spirituality: Far More than Prayer—Take BJ from its Rabbis' Point of View, For Instance*. Links to the both the report and the Rabbis' article can be found at www.bj.org.

• A Century of Failed Diplomacy in the Middle East:

A Talk by Professor Stephen Cohen

Thursday, December 10, 7:00PM, 88th Street: Join us as we host Professor Stephen Cohen for a fascinating discussion regarding his most recent publication, *Beyond America's Grasp: A Century of Failed Diplomacy in the Middle East*. Professor Cohen, founder and president of the Institute for Middle East Peace and Development, brought about the first secret official negotiations between Israel and the PLO under the supervision of Yasser Arafat and Shimon Peres, and served as a behind-the-scenes confidant of Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Egypt's President Anwar El Sadat in the launching of their peace process. R.S.V.P. is required to Guy at gafelixbrodt@bj.org.

• Hanukkah Community Dinner with Ari and Shira

Friday, December 11, following the 5:45PM service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us as we celebrate the first night of Hanukkah as a community in an intimate setting. Hazzan Ari Priven and BJ's Cantorial Intern Shira

Wallach will lead us in a joyous musical journey following a three-course dinner with wine. Children's admission is free. To register, please visit www.bj.org.

• BJ Dialogue Series on the Jewish Future: What's at the Essence?

Saturday, December 12, 3:00PM, 88th Street: What questions should we be asking and what issues should we embrace so that we may respond in a relevant way to the challenges the future will bring? Ten presenters in five dialogues—artists, rabbis, educators, scholars, writers, a philanthropist, social activists—will explore these questions. Join us for the first dialogue with Michael Steinhardt and Amichai Lau-Lavie. Michael Steinhardt is a money manager turned philanthropist who is dedicated to creating a renaissance in American Jewish life, and Amichai Lau-Lavie is the founder and Executive and Artistic Director of StorahTelling. The dialogue will be followed by Minha at 4:15PM.

• Men's Havurah

Saturday, December 19, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: December 19 will feature John Ruskay and Daniel Sieradski in a dialogue between the establishment and anti-establishment voices in the Jewish world today. John is the Executive Vice President and CEO of UJA-Federation of New York. Daniel was the founding publisher and editor-in-chief of Jewschool, a popular Jewish weblog, as well as the weblogs Radical Torah and Orthodox Anarchist. This program will also include davening, schnappsing and socializing. For men only. For more information, contact Naomi Goodhart at ngoodhart@bj.org.

CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• Inside the Activist Studio—AJWS/AVODAH Partnership

Sunday, December 6, 4:00-9:00PM, Congregation Beth Elohim in Park Slope, Brooklyn: Learn from and be energized by local Jewish change-makers and celebrate the multitude of ways we are collectively working to create a more just and equitable world. Events will include a combination of speakers, skills-building workshops, networking, local social justice opportunities, and more! The evening will end with a dinner reception including socially-conscious spoken word performances and networking opportunities aplenty! Co-sponsored by BJ along with other organizations. For more information and to register, visit <http://whoinspiresyou.eventbrite.com>

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• 5th Grade Families Cooking for the Shelter

Tuesday, December 1, 5:00-6:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: 5th graders and their families are invited to cook for the BJ Shelter. Every month, a different grade of students and their families prepare a meal for the guests of the BJ Shelter. Together, we cook, set and decorate the table, and engage in age-appropriate study and discussion about the Jewish value of feeding the hungry. This is a community-wide program; all families of 5th graders are invited to participate, no matter where your chil-

dren receive their Jewish education. To R.S.V.P. and sign up for what you'll bring, please contact Nancy Kline at nkline@aol.com. You must R.S.V.P. to participate.

• 6th Grade Family Learning Program

Saturday, December 5, 9:30AM, 86th Street Chapel: Last month we literally unrolled the Torah, and this month 6th grade students and their parents will continue to "unroll" its teachings with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein. Families will participate in Talmud Torah—the study of Torah, similar to the study that is done when preparing a student's d'var Torah. After the program, families are encouraged to join Junior Congregation downstairs in the Social Hall.

• Mitzvah Fair

Thursday, December 10, 5:00-6:00PM, 88th Street: The journey toward becoming a bar/bat mitzvah is one filled with tremendous occasions to learn how to be an active member in the Jewish community. The Mitzvah Fair will be filled with representatives from the BJ and greater Jewish community who will present various opportunities with which students can become involved in preparation for their bar/bat mitzvah. 5th, 6th and 7th grade students and their parents are invited to this great event.

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AFFILIATES

- **Resources in Response to the Economic Downturn**

UJA-Federation of New York's Connect to Care initiative provides employment services and financial services and legal counseling free of charge for those impacted by the economic downturn. For more information about this program or to make an appointment in Manhattan, Riverdale and Brownstone Brooklyn, call JBFCS, a lead agency for UJA-Federation's Connect to Care, at 212-399-2685 x206 or connect-to-care@jbfcs.org. For full description and workshops, go to www.jcprograms.org/connect-to-care. For UJA-Federation's Connect to Care Centers in other regions, contact connect-to-care@ujafedny.org.

- **Negev Nectar Products Now Available in U.S.**

For those eager to support Israel's environment and its people, Negev Nectars is bringing gourmet, sustainably produced foods—the kind that rarely make the trip over the Atlantic—to shareholders in the US. Negev Nectar members will be sent olive oil, jams, chutneys, honey, dried herbs and other unique products in time for Hanukkah, Passover and Rosh Hashanah. Membership is an investment in Israeli farms employing responsible growing practices as well as in the future of the country and the region. For more information, visit www.negevnectars.com.

Shine Your Light! Write An Article for the Kol Hadash

We would love your stories, articles and photos about BJ activities in which you have participated, or reflections on your involvement in the community. We are also going to be profiling BJ members, leadership, and volunteers. You may also choose to write about events like your trip to Israel, your child's bar/bat mitzvah, your experience at the lunch program, or anything else you would like to share. Articles will be subject to editing at the discretion of BJ staff for grammatical errors and space considerations. For more information about process or deadlines, or to share your idea for an article, please contact communications@bj.org. ■

UPCOMING LIMUD *Please visit www.bj.org for more info and to register.*

- **Abraham Joshua Heschel's Heavenly Torah**

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

Seven Tuesdays (through December 8) • 6:30-8:30PM • 88th Street Sanctuary • Free; registration required. We resume our study of Rabbi Heschel's monumental work on rabbinic thought. *Heavenly Torah*, recently translated into English, explores the polarities in Judaism between transcendence and immanence and between mysticism and rationalism. In the chapters we will address this year, Heschel invites us to look at some fundamental religious questions (such as "What does it mean to love God?" "Do we have free will, or is everything divinely foreseen?" "Is the Torah meant to be read literally?") through the lens of classical rabbinic discussions. Please bring the book to class; no photocopies will be distributed. New participants are welcome.

- **Perversion And Holiness: Stories Of The Talmudic Rabbis (Bava Metzi'a Chapter 7) Lunch and Learn** (please bring your lunch)

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

Six Thursdays (through December 10; no meeting on November 26) • 12:30-1:30PM • Location: given upon registration • Free; registration required by contacting ygarber@bj.org. We will continue our study of a chain of stories that appear in the seventh chapter of Tractate Bava Metzi'a, one of the pearls of Talmudic literary creativity. These stories reflect the concerns and struggles, fears and fantasies, even the dark side of our Talmudic sages. We will attempt to see ourselves in the mirror of the Talmud in order to understand and confront our own nature. No knowledge of Hebrew is required. Space is limited.

- **BJ Salons: Engaging Members in an Intimate Setting**

Rabbi Marcelo R. Bronstein

Tuesdays (December 1 and 8) • 7:00-9:00PM • Location provided upon registration. Building on the importance of reaching members where they live and creating small, intimate groups, Marcelo will facilitate Beit Midrash Salons in lieu of teaching traditional classes. Limited space is available; please respond to ngoodhart@bj.org.

- **Know Before Whom You Stand: An Exploration Of Prayer And Theology**

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

Three Wednesdays (December 2, 9, 16) • 7:00-8:30PM • 88th Street Frankel Hall • Free; registration required. Whether we pray on a daily or weekly basis, the notions of whom we are praying to and for what purpose can be a stumbling block to having a meaningful and authentic prayer experience. Over this three-session course, we will explore traditional and contemporary texts on prayer so as to more clearly understand our purpose in prayer and how that influences our experience of it.

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:** We invite you to become a member of our living, thriving community. The simple act of joining BJ is transformative. It is an acknowledgement that BJ is your community, its rabbis are your rabbis, and its sanctuary is your space. Membership at B'nai Jeshurun includes: admission to High Holy Day services; special rates for classes, dinners, and events; support for life cycle events and in times of difficulty; group orientations for new members; vibrant Hebrew School; and more! Our fair share dues system ensures no one will be turned away based on financial considerations. For more information about becoming a member, please contact Sarah Verity, Senior Membership Associate at x250 or sverity@bj.org. We look forward to welcoming you to our community!

• **A Note from the Ushers:** At the conclusion of the 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 give the prayer book and the Torah text (the large red book) the respect they merit, we ask that they not be placed on the floor when not in use. To

prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before services begin.

• **Scent-Free Policy at Services:** In consideration of the many people who have adverse respiratory reactions to the smells of perfume, cologne, and other chemicals, please refrain from wearing perfume or strong cologne to services.

• **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 please remember to return the devices when you leave.

• **LinkIn to Help Out!**

In these difficult times, we are trying many ways to help members find jobs and network. *Join us in this very important effort* simply by joining "B'nai Jeshurun—New York City," the BJ group on LinkedIn, www.linkedin.com. There you can share your professional network, post jobs and respond to any ongoing discussions that are posted in the group.

JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN:

See updated information about the Morning Minyan at www.bj.org/tefillah/minyan/. If you are interested in receiving a weekly minyan email, please contact Ari Priven at apriven@bj.org.

Non como nuestro Dio, non como nuestro señor,
non como nuestro el rey, non como nuestro salvador.

אין כַּאלֹהֵינוּ, אין כַּאֲדוֹנֵנוּ,
אין כַּמְלִכְנוּ, אין כַּמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

Quien como nuestro Dio, quien como nuestro señor,
quien como nuestro el rey, quien como nuestro salvador.

מי כַּאלֹהֵינוּ, מי כַּאֲדוֹנֵנוּ,
מי כַּמְלִכְנוּ, מי כַּמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

Loaremos a nuestro Dio, loaremos a nuestro señor,
loaremos a nuestro el rey, loaremos a nuestro salvador.

נוֹדָה לַאלֹהֵינוּ, נוֹדָה לַאֲדוֹנֵנוּ,
נוֹדָה לְמִלְכְנוּ, נוֹדָה לְמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

Bendicho nuestro Dio, bendicho nuestro señor,
bendicho nuestro el rey, bendicho nuestro salvador.

בְּרוּךְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, בְּרוּךְ אֲדוֹנֵנוּ,
בְּרוּךְ מְלִכְנוּ, בְּרוּךְ מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

Tu sos nuestro Dio, tu sos nuestro señor,
tu sos nuestro el rey, tu sos nuestro salvador.

אַתָּה הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ, אַתָּה הוּא אֲדוֹנֵנוּ,
אַתָּה הוּא מְלִכְנוּ, אַתָּה הוּא מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

אַתָּה הוּא שְׁהַקְטִירוּ אַבוֹתֵינוּ
לְפָנֶיךָ אֶת-קִטְרֵת הַסַּמִּים.

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Membership at BJ • Membership Packets • Guide to the BJ Community • Bikkur Holim

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