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MIKETZ

SHABBAT HANUKKAH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 41:1 - 44:17

TRIENNIAL Genesis 43:16 - 44:17

1: 43:16 - 43:18

2: 43:19 - 43:25

3: 43:26 - 43:29

4: 43:30 - 43:34

5: 44:1 - 44:6

6: 44:7 - 44:10

7: 44:11 - 44:17

Maftir: Numbers 7:54 - 8:4

HAFTARAH

I Kings 7:40 - 7:50

NEXT WEEK: **VAYIGASH**

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 44:18 - 47:27

TRIENNIAL Genesis 46:28 - 47:27

HAFTARAH Ezekiel 37:15 - 28

December 18-25, 2009

1-8 Tevet, 5770

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

Tot Shabbat Service

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

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Tze'irim Shabbat Dinner

8TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

5:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

5:45 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

7:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Following 7:00 PM Services -
88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.3)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Bat Mitzvah

Jenna Gail Solomon

Junior Congregation

10:30 AM - 86th St. Social Hall

Children's Services

10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Community Kiddush

Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

BJ Book Club

2:00 PM (SEE P.2)

Men's Havurah

5:30 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St.

Purim Play Rehearsals and Lunch

11:30 AM - 88th St. (SEE BELOW)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: Introduction to Judaism*

7:00 PM - BJ Office

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: The Book of Exodus*

8:30 AM - 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a*

No class this week

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St.

! HOLIDAY SERVICE TIMES

Please note these holiday weekend service time changes:

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

• Purim—Auditions, Lunch and First Rehearsal

Sunday, December 20, 11:00AM-3:00PM, 88th Street: It's that time again! Join us for another magical year with all your great Purim friends at the auditions and warm-up rehearsal of our original Purim play. We'll provide lunch. Open to BJ members in grades K-6. Students in grades 3-6 should arrive at 11:00AM for auditions. Bring a song to sing if you'd like; we'll provide copy to read for the audition. Those in grades K, 1 and 2 do not need to audition and should arrive at 11:30AM; they are free to leave after rehearsal at approximately 12:30PM, but are welcome to stay another half-hour for the lunch which will follow. Contact Michael Kelberg, mkelberg@aol.com, for more information.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHĒM

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

- Eleanor Harrison Bregman and Peter, Isabelle and Sophia Bregman on the death of their beloved mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, Susan Harrison.
- Heidi, Daniel and Ean Steinberger on the death of their beloved sister and aunt, Wendy Levinson.

MAZAL TOV

- Jenna, David and Jonathan Solomon and Lisa Siegel on Jenna becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Jennifer Radin and Sanjay, Olivia and Aidan Puri on the birth of their son and brother, Julian Harper Puri.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Update: Our Mi Sheberakh List

Every Shabbat we recite a Mi Sheberakh and pray for the healing of those in our community and in our families who are ill. Twice a year (on Hanukkah and on Shavuot), we will renew the list. Therefore we kindly ask that you let us know if you or any of your loved ones are still in need of healing so we can update the list and continue to pray for those who need it. Requests can be made to Yaffa Garber at ygarber@bj.org.

• BJ Book Club

Saturday, December 19, 2:00PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.: Please join the BJ book discussion group! We will discuss prize winning author Dara Horn's *The World to Come*. The book discussion group meets several times a year. Please contact Susan Charney at zsucharney@verizon.net or Sylvia Dresner at dsdresner@aol.com to R.S.V.P. and for the location.

• Men's Havurah

Saturday, December 19, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: This month will feature John Ruskay and Daniel Sieradski in a dialogue between establishment and anti-establishment voices in the Jewish world today: Next Generation: Where are we? What's needed? What are the generational divides? John is a BJ member and 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.

• Shabbat Teaching: Arava Institute and the New Meaning of the Land of Milk and Honey

Saturday, January 9, following kiddush after Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Chapel: Join us as David Weisberg, Executive Director of Friends of the Arava Institute, along with two alumni, Mohammed Atwa, a Muslim from Gaza, and Zack Korenstein, a Jew from the United States, share their personal experiences. The Arava Institute, a unique academic institution in the south of Israel, marries the ideals of environmental sustainability and coexistence by bringing together a student body made up of future leaders from Israel, Jordan, the Palestinian Authority, and beyond. Hear how these two former roommates went from fearing each other to becoming the closest of friends, and how the idea of Israel as a "land of milk and honey," first appearing in Parashat Shemot, is literally being recreated through the Arava Institute's efforts.

• Community Second Night Pesah Seder

Tuesday, March 30, 7:30-11:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Look for registration information about the Community Second Night Pesah Seder which will be posted on the BJ website, www.bj.org, in mid-January. Due to limited space, this Seder is for members only. Reservations will be honored strictly on a first-come, first-served basis. Please reserve early; last year this event sold out. For more information, contact Naomi at ngoodhart@bj.org or x240.

Ma'oz tzur yeshu'ati, lekha na'e leshabe-ah.
Tikon beit tefilati, vesham toda nezabe-ah.
Le'et takhin matbe-ah, mitzar hamenabe-ah,
Az egmor beshir mizmor, hanukat hamizbe-ah.

Yevanim nikbetzu alai, azai bimei hashmanim,
Ufartzu homot migdalai, vetime-u kol hashmanim,
Uminotar kankanim, na'asa nes leshoshanim.
Benei vina, yemei shmona, kav'u shir urnanim.

מַעֲזוֹ צוּר יֵשׁוּעָתִי, לְךָ נָאֵה לְשַׁבַּח.
תִּכּוֹן בַּיִת תְּפִלָּתִי, וְשָׁם תּוֹדָה נִזְבַּח.
לַעֲת תִּכְיֶן מִטְּבַח, מִצָּר הַמֵּנַבֵּחַ,
אֲז אֶגְמֹר, בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר, חֲנֻכַּת הַמִּזְבֵּחַ.

יְנַיִם נִקְבְּצוּ עָלַי, אֲזֵי בִימֵי חֲשָׁמַיִם,
וּפָרְצוּ חוֹמוֹת מִגְדָּלַי, וְטָמְאוּ כָּל הַשְּׂמַנִּים,
וּמִנּוֹתַר קַנְקָנַיִם, נַעֲשֶׂה נֵס לְשׁוֹשָׁנַיִם,
בְּנֵי בִינָה, יְמֵי שְׁמֹנֶה, קָבְעוּ שִׁיר וּרְנָנַיִם.

CREATING KEHILLAH

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• Tze'irim Hanukkah Shabbat Dinner

Friday, December 18, following the 7:00PM service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us as we celebrate the last candle of Hanukkah together with a fully catered meal and wine in an intimate setting. A great chance to get together with friends, make new ones, and start Shabbat with beautiful z'mirot led by BJ's musicians. To register, visit www.bj.org.

HAVUROT

• BJ Caregivers Group

If you are caring for an elderly, frail or ill loved one, join the BJ Caregivers group. BJ Caregivers meets on a regular basis in members' homes for support and to exchange vital information that will help in this difficult time of your life. The current *Kol Hadash* includes a feature article on our group. Please contact Sylvia Dresner at dsdresner@aol.com for information and to participate.

• 40+ Havurah Hanukkah Party

Friday, December 18, location and details given upon R.S.V.P.: Singles and couples are invited to enjoy Shabbat and the holiday with dinner, a grab bag, music, dreidels and community. Reserve soon; space is limited. Please mention if you've seen this invitation in the *Kol Jeshurun* and if you are a BJ member. For more information, contact helenshanan@hotmail.com.

• Queens Havurah

BJ members living in Queens, are you interested in a monthly havurah? Meet at each other's homes, study, socialize and maybe celebrate a pot luck Shabbat dinner together once in a while. Rego Park/Forest Hills area (but not limited). If interested, please contact David and Liana Goldman at goldmanl@ptd.net

AFFILIATES

• 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.

• Limmud NY 2010

Friday, January 15-Monday, January 18, Hudson Valley Resort: Register now for Limmud NY's 6th annual conference. Limmud NY is a marketplace of all things Jewish. Come celebrate the rich diversity of Jewish life, culture, ideas and perspectives with Jews of all ages and backgrounds. Choose from 300+ sessions, including text study, art, music, film, yoga, nature walks, kids' camp, a variety of Shabbat services and more, or just hang out, relax, eat, meet new friends and grow your Jewish world. Payment plans and scholarships are available. Register at www.limmudny.org/register or call 212-284-6968.

• The Ralph I. Goldman Fellowship is Seeking Applicants for 2010-2011

The Fellowship is awarded to one person annually and is a one-of-a-kind, paid, professional development opportunity to live and work in overseas locations where the Joint Distribution Committee is active, and engage with the inner workings of the world's largest Jewish humanitarian aid organization. The Fellowship will have a transformational impact on international Jewish life and the Fellow's understanding of complex global Jewish issues. JDC is looking for the best young Jewish thinkers and doers—writers, artists, policy shapers, business innovators, and community builders. Deadline is December 30. For more information, visit <http://www.jdc.org/help-jdc/get-involved.aspx?id=1424>.

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

• Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Shevat

Saturday, January 16 • Following Shabbat morning services • 88th Street Sanctuary. Each new month on the Hebrew calendar, we will have an opportunity to study, discuss, celebrate, and pray together on this holiday traditionally associated with women. Contact ygarber@bj.org to be added to the Women's Group email list.

• BJ Salons: Engaging Members in an Intimate Setting

Rabbi Marcelo R. Bronstein

Tuesdays (January 26 and February 9) • 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. January/February Salons are targeted for BJ parents

who are part of the Youth & Family Education Program. We will focus on "Homework, Sports and Piano Lessons: Balancing our Jewish and Secular Worlds." Limited space is available; please respond to ngoodhart@bj.org.

• The Rabbinic Mind on the Exodus

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

Eight Tuesdays (January 26 through March 16) • 12:30-1:45PM • BJ Office Conference Room. Beginning with a close read of the text of the Exodus, we will then take a step-by-step look at two different midrashic texts: Pirke deRabbi Eliezer and the Mekhilta deRabbi Ishmael. Come to understand how the rabbis think, different explanations and understandings of the story, and the ability to experience the Exodus through studying it. No Hebrew reading necessary. Free of charge; registration required.

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:** For those at the 7:00PM 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.

FOCUS ON ISRAEL

Happy Birthday To Hamidrasha!

This winter, we will be lighting more than Hanukkah candles. Our "Circle of Friends" in Israel will be gathering in a few weeks to celebrate the completion of Hamidrasha's 20th year of activity!

At Hanukkah, we brighten the darkness with the help of small candles, ancient blessings and many songs written by Zionist pioneers in the past century. This combination is very important to us as Israelis who are exploring and deepening their Jewish roots. And so Hamidrasha has chosen the subject of Hebrew song/poetry and prayer as the topic for our birthday celebration. How is the soul expressed in song and in prayer? Can song be prayer? Is there a connection between our modern songs and traditional prayer? What is their role in increasing the light in the world?

In this spirit of prayer and song, we usher in a new decade of activity at Hamidrasha, with much hope and anticipation. Together with partners, supporters and friends like you, we look forward to continuing to "fan the flames" of Jewish renewal. In gratitude, we send you part of a beautiful poem which is sung at Hanukkah by children throughout Israel. It was written by Naomi Shemer, the famous and beloved Israeli poet, who also wrote "Jerusalem of Gold" and hundreds of other songs.

Those walking in darkness
will see a great light
Those yearning for freedom will find a home
Darkness envelops the lamps
Those who have ceased in their steps
are looking for miracles

Who will light the ancient candle?
Who will make the song heard?
Who will find in his heart
a new small light?
In the torch of yesterday,
the fire will again burn
Sometimes a great miracle
returns and reoccurs.

Marveling in the miracles we experience, working to kindle the flames and wishing you a bright and happy Hanukkah,

—Moti Zeira and your friends at Hamidrasha

The "Focus on Israel" column is edited by Robin Fleischer, a Vice President of BJ's Board of Trustees and Co-Chair of BJ's Israel Steering Committee.

PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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

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