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KOL JESHURUN



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SHEMOT

MEVARKHIM HAHODES

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 1:1 - 6:1

TRIENNIAL Exodus 4:18 - 6:1
1: 4:18 - 4:20
2: 4:21 - 4:26
3: 4:27 - 4:31
4: 5:01 - 5:05
5: 5:06 - 5:09
6: 5:10 - 5:14
7: 5:15 - 6:01
Maftir: 5:22 - 6:01

HAFTARAH Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-23

NEXT WEEK: **VA-ERA**

ROSH HODES

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 6:2 - 9:35

TRIENNIAL Exodus 8:16 - 9:35

HAFTARAH Isaiah 66:1-24, 23

January 8-15, 2010

22-29 Tevet, 5770

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

5:45 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

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7:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Children's Services

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

Community Kiddush

Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

Shabbat Teaching: Arava Institute

Following Kiddush - 86th St. Social Hall
(SEE BELOW)

Community Mincha Service

4:30 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

Bat Mitzvah

Josephine Mariel Stern

BJ Teens Midnight Run

7:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: Introduction to Judaism*

7:00 PM - BJ Office

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: The Book of Exodus*

8:30 AM - 88th St.

6th Grade Families Cook for the Shelter

5:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.3)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a*

7:00 PM - BJ Office

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

Morning Minyan

7:30 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 January 15 and February 12.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES

• Volunteer Opportunity with BJ Reads

BJ Reads offers volunteers the opportunity to make a tangible difference in the lives of elementary school children who are not yet reading at grade level. Reading takes place at P.S. 166, 132 West 89th Street. If you are interested and available at 10:00AM on Wednesdays, please be in touch with the program chairs: Ellen Schecter, 212-932-9044 or Sandy Davidson, 212-724-2013.

• Join the Marriage Equality Hevra

Thursday, January 14, 6:00PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.: Angry about the NY State Senate denying the civil rights of gay couples to marry and ready to get to work to make change? Join BJ's Marriage Equality Hevra to contribute to our efforts to secure the 1,432 rights, responsibilities, and protections that come with marriage for all. BJ members can contact Dale Bernstein at dalebberstein@gmail.com or Marlene Halpern at jacobhw@msn.com for meeting location.

• 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.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHĒM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our beloved member Dorothy Hilf, and extends sincere condolences to her family and all her loved ones.

To the following members and their families:

- Otto and Lotte Knoller and on the death of their beloved daughter, Judith Rose Vaughn.
- Stephanie and Charles Finder and Emily Weiss on the death of their beloved mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, Mildred Angerman.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Josephine, Emanuel, Elizabeth, Maxine and Eliana Stern and Judith Stern Peck on Josephine becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- John, Silvia, Daniel and Gabriel Heller on the birth of their daughter and sister, Amalia.
- Kelly Wachowicz on the birth of her son, Asa Edward Wachowicz.
- Jason, Arthur, Eric and Matthew Gurevitch and Linda Moses on Jason becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by Emanuel, Elizabeth, Maxine and Eliana Stern in honor of Josephine becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• **Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival Featuring Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein**
Monday, January 11, 7:00-9:00PM, Gershman Y, Philadelphia: In case you missed seeing "The Fire Within: Jews in the Amazonian Rainforest," the Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival will feature the film with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein as their guest speaker. This is the Philadelphia premiere of the film. For more information, visit <https://www.gershmany.org/pjff.php>.

• Men's Havurah

Saturday, January 16, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: This month will feature Richard Bernstein, author of *The East, the West, and Sex: A History of Erotic Encounters* speaking about how masculinity is viewed in the East and the West. He's an American journalist, columnist and author, and writes the "Letter from America" column for *The International Herald Tribune*. He was a book critic at *The New York Times* and a foreign correspondent for both *Time* magazine and *The New York Times* in Europe and Asia. This program will include davening, schnappsing and socializing. For men only.

• A Century of Failed Diplomacy in the Middle East:

A Talk by Professor Stephen Cohen

Thursday, January 21, 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. R.S.V.P. is required to Guy at gfelixbrodt@bj.org.

• Hakhnasat Orh̄im Dinners Hosted at Members' Homes

Friday, January 22, following the 5:45PM service, members' homes: We are happy to let you know that a number of BJ members are opening

their homes to host the first in a series of Shabbat dinners as part of the Hakhnasat Orh̄im (welcoming guests) initiative. BJ members only are welcome to register and be matched on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are interested, please contact Guy by Tuesday, January 19 at gfelixbrodt@bj.org or x255. Space is limited!

• A Teaching in Memory of Shira Palmer-Sherman

Saturday, January 23, 4:15PM, 86th Street Social Hall: Please join us for a teaching by Rabbi Leon A. Morris entitled "The Bones of Joseph: On Becoming a Human Torah" in memory of Shira Palmer-Sherman, z"l. Rabbi Morris is the Executive Director of the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning. He also serves as rabbi of Temple Adas Israel in Sag Harbor, NY. Havdalah will be held afterward at 6:00PM. Free of charge; registration not required.

• Parents of "20-somethings" Discussion Group

Wednesday, January 27, 7:30PM, location given with R.S.V.P.: Join BJ parents for a discussion with Roly on how to deal with conflicting feelings when our children may not regard the choice of a Jewish partner as significant. We have raised our children in a progressive community with values of openness to people of all backgrounds. We have succeeded: they are open, progressive young adults who treat everyone with dignity and respect. We are also a Jewish community that values its heritage and hope that our children continue to live a Jewish life, particularly when it comes to choosing a partner. R.S.V.P. to Sarah at sguthartz@bj.org.

• Tu Bishevat Community Seder Shabbat Dinner

Friday, January 29, following the 5:45PM service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us as we celebrate Tu Bishevat as a community in an intimate setting. The BJ Rabbis will lead us in a festive Tu Bishevat Seder following a three-course dinner with wine. Children's admission is free. To register, visit www.bj.org.

CREATING KEHILLAH

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• BJ Teens Midnight Run

Saturday, January 9, 7:00PM-12:00AM, 88th Street: Join the BJ Teen Program at our first Midnight Run, driving around the Upper West Side to hand out food, clothing and toiletries to homeless people at certain scheduled spots. The BJ Teens will celebrate Havdalah, prepare food to give out on our run, eat dinner, and learn together before heading out on our run. We also need BJ adults who can drive teens on the run. In addition,

donations of food, clothing, and toiletries are greatly appreciated and should be brought to the BJ office by noon on Friday, January 8. Please contact Ira Dounn at idounn@bj.org or x253 to participate.

• 6th Grade Families Cook for the Shelter

Tuesday, January 12, 5:00-6:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: 6th graders and their families are invited to cook for the BJ/SPSA Shelter. Every month, a different grade of students and their families prepare a meal for Shelter guests. Together we cook, set and decorate the table, and engage

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in age-appropriate study and discussion about the Jewish value of feeding the hungry. All families of 6th graders are invited to participate, no matter where your children receive their Jewish education. To R.S.V.P. and sign up for what you'll bring, please contact Ellen Bender at ellensam@aol.com. You must R.S.V.P. to participate.

• **Bim Bam**

10 Fridays (January 22–March 26), 10:45-11:45AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: A pre-Shabbat class for children ages 3 and under to sing songs, hear stories, give tzedakah, and engage in fun games and learning activities. We end every class with Shabbat blessings, candle-lighting, kiddush and hamotzi. Registration is now open for the winter session. Cost for class is per family: \$100 for members, \$150 for non-members. Scholarships available for BJ members in need of financial assistance. Families who join as new members before January 15 will receive free registration. To register, contact Emily Walsh, ewalsh@bj.org or x243.

• **3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Havdalah, Movie and Overnight**

Saturday, January 23–Sunday, January 24, 6:00PM–9:00AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: 3rd–5th graders should come for Havdalah and Movie Night, and 4th–5th graders can stay for an overnight. Parents and siblings are invited to join us at 6:00PM for Havdalah, and then it's kids-only after that! In the morning, parents can come at 8:30AM for a light breakfast. Cost for 4th–5th graders for overnight is \$25/child, and includes dinner, snacks and breakfast. Cost for 3rd graders for movie night is \$15/child, and includes dinner and snacks. Registration forms for overnight can be found at www.bj.org, and must be returned to Emily Walsh by Tuesday, January 19. Please note: Havdalah and Movie Night, 6:00–8:30PM is for 3rd–5th graders, and the overnight is only for 4th–5th graders.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Tze'irim Pizza and Board Games Shabbat Dinner**

Friday, January 22, following the 7:30PM service, 86th Street Social Hall: Join us for a Shabbat dinner of pizza, beer and board games—perfect for a cold winter's night! A great chance to get together with friends, make

new ones and start Shabbat together in a relaxed setting. To register, visit www.bj.org. More info: Karen Hauptman, tzshabbat@gmail.com.

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.

AFFILIATES

• **Limmud NY 2010**

Friday, January 15–Monday, January 18, Hudson Valley Resort: Celebrate the rich diversity of Jewish life, culture, and ideas with Jews of all ages and backgrounds. Visit www.limmudny.org/register or call 212-284-6968.

• **AVODAH: Year of Service Opportunity**

Join AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corps, a one-year program for young people ages 21–26 combining work for justice, Jewish learning and community building. For more information, see www.avodah.net or contact Mollie Spevack, Recruitment Coordinator, at apply@avodah.net.

• **The Gerson D. Cohen Memorial Lecture at JTS**

Thursday, February 4, 7:30PM, The Jewish Theological Seminary, 3080 Broadway (at 122nd Street): Dr. Jonathan Sarna, the Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History at Brandeis University, will deliver the Gerson D. Cohen Memorial Lecture "The Economic Meltdown and the Future of the Jewish Community." A special memorial tribute to Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hadassah Ribalow Nadich, parents of BJ member Shira Nadich Levin, will be part of this program. Admission is free, but reservations are required. Please contact publicevents@jtsa.edu or 212-280-6093 to make a reservation.

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, Piano Lessons and Shabbat: Balancing our Jewish and Secular World." 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.

• **Abraham Joshua Heschel's Quest For God**

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

Seven Tuesdays (February 2 through March 23; no meeting on February 23) • 6:30–8:00PM • 88th Street Sanctuary. We will read and reflect on Heschel's great contribution to the art of prayer. How do we stand in God's Presence? How do we pour out our heart to God? How do we enter the language of prayer? How do we balance fixed prayers and spontaneity? Join us to discover (or rediscover) Heschel's inspiring teachings and deep insights. Free of charge; registration required.

• **Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis: Lunch and Learn**

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

Seven Thursdays (February 4 through March 18) • 12:30–1:30PM • Location TBA. We will study stories that reflect the concerns and struggles, fears and fantasies, even the dark side of our Talmudic sages. We will attempt to look at 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. 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

Seeking Peace With Wind Turbines

By Stef and Mary Krieger

During the BJ trip to Israel in July, 2007, we traveled to the West Bank and visited the Palestinian community of Susya in the South Hebron Hills along with seven other members of the tour. We were struck by the deep poverty in which the 150 residents live. In contrast to the prosperous Israeli settlement on the hill overlooking Susya, these families live in caves and tents, have no electricity, and rely on cisterns for water. Our hosts told us that in 2001, the Israeli army destroyed the caves in which they lived and the community's water cisterns and evicted them from their land. We also heard disturbing stories of harassment by Israeli settlers, including attacks on children on their way to school, the assault on an old man, the theft of olives at harvest time, and the failure of the army to protect Palestinians from such attacks. We felt frustrated that there was little we could do to address the problems faced by these families.

It was thus encouraging to learn this year about the work of Elad Orian. He is an Israeli physicist who has been working with Palestinians in the South Hebron Hills on renewable energy projects. His group has worked with people in the community to set up solar panels in individual homes and to build a large wind turbine to power a community utility center which will provide enough energy to run a butter-making machine and refrigerate the butter so that it can be stored and marketed.

From his army service, Elad told us, he came to realize that he, as an individual, could foster the peace process in a bottom way up by working on projects with Palestinians. To see the work of his group, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6h7-ySa8RU>.

Stef, a law professor at Hofstra University, and Mary, a teacher of the hearing impaired for Nassau BOCES, have been members of BJ since 2004.

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

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