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KOL JESHURUN

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Jeshurun**
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MISHPATIM

SHABBAT SHEKALIM

MEVARKHIM HAHODES

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 21:1 - 24:18

TRIENNIAL Exodus 23:20 - 24:18

1: 23:20 - 23:25

2: 23:26 - 23:30

3: 23:31 - 23:33

4: 24:1 - 24:6

5: 24:7 - 24:11

6: 24:12 - 24:14

7: 24:15 - 24:18

Maftir: 30:11 - 30:16

HAFTARAH

II Kings 12:1-17,
I Samuel 20:18, 42

NEXT WEEK: **TERUMAH**

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 25:1 - 27:19

TRIENNIAL Exodus 26:31 - 27:19

HAFTARAH I Kings 5:26 - 6:13

February 12-19, 2010

28 Shevat-5 Adar, 5770

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Bekef Singles-Only Shabbat Dinner

6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

Following 6:30 PM Service –
88th St. Frankel Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Shabbat Morning Services

Children's Services

Community Kiddush

9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

**BJ Dialogue Series: What is Essential?
with Rabbi Irwin Kula and Nessa Rapoport**

3:45 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary (SEE P.2)

Community Minḥa Service

5:15 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Morning Minyan

Limud: Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

ROSH HODESH ADAR

9:30 AM – 88th St.

11:00 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.3)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Morning Minyan

BJ Hebrew School

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

ROSH HODESH ADAR • Presidents Day

9:30 AM – 88th St.

Closed for Presidents Week

No class this week

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Morning Minyan

Limud: The Book of Exodus

Limud: The Rabbinic Mind on the Exodus

Limud: Heschel's Quest for God

7:30 AM – 88th St.

8:30 AM – 88th St.

12:30 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.3)

6:30 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Morning Minyan

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

Limud: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis

BJ Hebrew School

Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a

7:30 AM – 88th St.

12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

12:30 PM (SEE P.3)

Closed for Presidents Week

7:00 PM – BJ Office

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Morning Minyan

Bim Bam

7:30 AM – 88th St.

10:45 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

! HOLIDAY SERVICE TIME

Please note There will be only one Kabbalat Shabbat Service at **6:30PM** on February 12.

! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES

• Join BJ Employers for Justice

Do you employ a domestic worker, including housecleaners, childcare givers, and eldercare workers? Please consider joining the BJ Employer for Justice Group as an employer or an ally, to demonstrate your concern for the rights of domestic workers. Our goal is to have BJ members pledge to improve or maintain positive relationships with the people who work in and contribute to our homes and families. Please contact Judith at jtrachte@aol.com or call x259 to learn more about what it means to be a BJ Employer for Justice and how you can participate or visit www.bj.org/sasj/panim/bj-employers-for-justice/

• CSA at BJ

Do you like fresh vegetables? Are you interested in knowing where your food comes from? Want an opportunity to volunteer with other BJ members during the evening? BJ has an opportunity to start our very own CSA and we want to know what you think! What's a CSA? Visit www.bj.org/csa to find out more and to take our survey!

• RESCHEDULED: Conversation with Jonathan Safran Foer and Hazon Kickoff Event

Wednesday, March 17, 88th Street Frankel Hall and Sanctuary: **Save the date!** Please join us for these events postponed due to the snowstorm. 7:00PM: Hazon Kickoff Event for the New York Ride. 8:00PM: Conversation with Jonathan Safran Foer about his book, *Eating Animals*.

To register for classes and events, please visit www.bj.org.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAH'EM

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

- Jane Fuchsberg on the death of her beloved father, Seymour Fuchsberg.
- Richard, Rosemary and Brett Kalikow, Dale, Brett, Wade and Weslee Yacker on the death of Richard and Dale's beloved mother, Dorothy Kalikow.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Dr. Lucinda Mosher and the Spiritual Journey Class, New York Theological Seminary.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• BJ Dialogue Series on the Jewish Future: What is Essential?

Saturday, February 13, 3:45–5:15PM, 88th Street: What questions should we be asking? What issues should we be addressing? How do we respond in a relevant way to the challenges of the future? Join us for a dialogue between Rabbi Irwin Kula and Nessa Rapoport and the BJ community. Irwin is President of CLAL and has worked with leaders from around the world using Jewish wisdom to promote compassionate leadership. Nessa is an author who writes and speaks frequently on issues of Jewish culture and imagination. She is senior program officer at the Charles H. Revson Foundation. The dialogue will be followed by Minḥa at 5:15PM.

• First and Third Shabbat at Members' Homes—Hakhnasat Orḥim

Friday, February 19, following the 5:45PM service: You are welcome at other members' homes every 1st and 3rd Shabbat of the month! After a first successful run of BJ members opening their homes to host Shabbat dinners as part of the Hakhnasat Orḥim (welcoming guests) initiative, we are continuing it through April. BJ members only may register and be matched on first-come, first-served basis. If you are interested, please contact Guy at gfelixbrodt@bj.org or x255 by Wednesday, February 17 to register for the February 19 dinner. Preference will be given to members who have not yet been hosted. Space is limited!

• Men's Havurah

Saturday, February 20, 5:00–7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: This month will feature Ron Taffel, a BJ member, speaking on "On the Importance of Powerful Fathers: A Politically-Incorrect Discussion," a conversation about masculinity and the relationship between men and their fathers. Dr. Ron Taffel is known as one of the most captivating and practical child-rearing experts in the country. This program will include davening, schnappsing and socializing. For men only.

• Helen Radin Memorial Zayin Adar Teaching:

A Panel on Health Care, Death and Dying

Sunday, February 21, 7:00PM, 88th Street: The entire community is invited to the third annual teaching in memory of our beloved Helen Radin, z"l, sponsored by the Hevra Kadisha. The panel consists of Stephen Isaacs, attorney at law, palliative care researcher Dr. Nathan Goldstein, and pastoral counselor Rabbi Naomi Kalish. The Hevra Kadisha holds an event each year on Zayin Adar, the day in the Hebrew calendar when Moses was

- Lori Daitch and students, Sha'arei Am: The Santa Monica Synagogue, Santa Monica, California.
- Rabbi Boaz Heilman, Jennifer Koltov and BNTY participants, Congregation B'nai Torah, Sudbury, Massachusetts.
- Rabbis Fred Reiner and Jessica Oleon and Confirmation Class, Temple Sinai, Washington, D.C.
- Rabbi Michael Feshbach and Confirmation Class, Temple Shalom, Chevy Chase, Maryland.
- Rabbi Richard Agler, Aley Sheer, Cheryl Epstein and post-Confirmation group, Congregation B'nai Israel, Boca Raton, Florida.

born and died. Helen Radin served as the former Director of the Rabbinic office and was an active Hevra Kadisha member. Free of charge; registration not required.

• Conviction—An Israeli Play about the Spanish Inquisition

Thursday, February 25, following the 8:15PM performance, 59E59 Theater (at 59 East 59th Street): Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein will lead a post-show discussion for *Conviction*, playing February 16–March 21. This is an award-winning Israeli play, a moving love story set during the Spanish Inquisition and based on the real life of Andrés González, a Jewish man raised to be a Catholic priest and forced to confront his heritage when he falls in love with a Jewish woman. Purchase tickets at www.ticketcentral.com or 212-279-4200 and mention discount code BJ.

• Community Retreat Update and In-City Shabbatons

We would like to update you that the Community Retreat originally planned for the beginning of June has been canceled. Instead, we are hosting in-city Shabbatons and highly encourage you to participate. The first Shabbaton, focusing on Tze'irim, is February 19–20. The next one, on March 12–13, will focus on social action/social justice. We look forward to seeing you at one of these event-filled weekends right here "at home."

PURIM 5770

Saturday, February 27, 88th Street:

Kids' Costume Parade • 6:00PM: Children ages 6 and under should come dressed in their finest Purim costumes and be ready to sing, play games, and eat delicious hamentaschen as we bring in Purim!

Family Megillah Reading • 6:30PM: Families with children of all ages can join BJ Rabbis and musicians for a joyous reading of the Megillah.

Adult Megillah Reading • 7:45PM: Purim masquerade extravaganza like never before. Costumes encouraged!

Sunday, February 28, 88th Street:

Purim Morning Services with Megillah Reading • 9:30AM

Carnival and Purim Play • 12:30PM: Come in costume, play games, win prizes, and watch the play. The play will begin at approximately 1:45PM.



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YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• Purim Play Cast Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 26, following the 5:45PM service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join fellow cast members and friends to bring in Shabbat and a weekend full of Purim festivities! Register at www.bj.org.

• Tot Shabbat and Dinner

Friday, March 5, 5:00–7:00PM, 86th Street Chapel and Social Hall: Rabbi Felicia Sol will lead a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service in the chapel beginning at 5:00PM, followed by a dinner for families at 5:30PM downstairs in the social hall where everyone will join together for Shabbat blessings and songs. Dinner will include delicious choices for adults as well as children, and vegetarian options will be available; dietary laws observed. While adults are finishing their meal, children will be engaged

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in games and more songs! Register online by March 1, and contact Emily Walsh at ewalsh@bj.org with any questions or specific dietary requests.

• **BJHS Gimmel and Dalet Shabbat Class Dinner**

Friday, March 5, following the 5:45PM service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: A great chance to get together with classmates and friends, make new ones and start Shabbat together with beautiful z'mirot led by one of BJ's musicians. Please join us! Register at www.bj.org.

• **5th Grade Learning Program**

Saturday, March 6, 9:30AM, 86th Street Chapel: Last fall we unrolled the Torah at our opening program, and learned about performing mitzvot at the Mitzvah Fair. Now 5th grade students and their parents will continue to "unroll" the teachings of Torah and mitzvot with Rabbi Roly Matalon. Families will make connections between study and action. After the program, families are encouraged to join Junior Congregation downstairs in the Social Hall. Register at www.bj.org for this program before March 2.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Tze'irim Shabbat Dinner**

Friday, February 19, following the 7:00PM service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us as part of the Tze'irim Shabbaton for a catered meal with wine in an intimate setting. A great chance to get together with friends, make new ones and start Shabbat together with beautiful z'mirot led by BJ's musicians. \$18 members/\$23 non-members. Register at www.bj.org.

• **Tze'irim In-City Shabbaton**

Friday, February 19–Saturday, February 20, 86th Street and 88th Street: Immerse yourself in a meaningful and spirited Shabbat. Event highlights include a catered dinner following Friday night services, community Shabbat morning services, and a Havdalah/Limud Shabbat afternoon at 86th Street at 4:30PM (bring your favorite board games and snacks to share.) For further details, contact Natalia Sloam at tzshabbat@gmail.com.

• **Pre-Purim Bash**

Saturday, February 27, 6:30PM, The Parlour, 250 West 86th Street: Join Tze'irim at a pre-Purim bash before the main event. We will congregate at The Parlour, a local bar, with others in their 20s and 30s. Don't forget to bring your costume and groggers! Contact Lev at tzkehillah@gmail.com for more details.

• **Tze'irim Interfaith Shabbat Potluck**

Friday, March 5, 8:30PM, 86th Street Social Hall: Pease join Tze'irim for a vegetarian potluck dinner at SPSA after the 7:00PM service. Please bring a dairy dish or dessert to share (no wine, please). Muslim and Jewish students from the University of Michigan will join us for the meal. Please contact Shir Lerman at tzinterfaith@gmail.com by Thursday, March 4 to R.S.V.P.

AFFILIATES

• **Hebrew Free Loan Society**

Shabbat Mishpatim's Torah reading is one of three that talks about interest-free lending. "If you lend money to My people," God says to Moses, "to the poor among you, do not act toward them as a creditor: exact no interest from them." (Ex. 22:24) Jewish tradition understands interest-free lending that helps a person achieve self-sufficiency as the highest form of charity. New York's Hebrew Free Loan Society, a UJA-Federation of NY affiliate agency founded in 1892, serves New York City, Westchester and Long Island, focusing on economically vulnerable communities such as Russian-speaking immigrants and large families of modest means. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.hfls.org. Please contact BJ members and HFLS Board members David Karnovsky and Mark Gerstein, mark_gerstein@yahoo.com, with any questions.

• **Helen Suzman: Fighter for Human Rights; Exhibition from South Africa**

Through March 28, Barnard College—Columbia University, 3009 Broadway: One of the most extraordinary women of the twentieth century, Helen Suzman devoted her career to the fight against apartheid and for human rights in South Africa. As a tribute to her exceptional efforts, the Isaac and Jessie Kaplan Centre for Jewish Studies and Research at the University of Cape Town has organized a graphic panel exhibition that captures her work, her courage, and her voice through photographs, personal letters, and journalism. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.helensuzmanexhibition.com.

• **Join in the Arava Institute's First Ever Trans-Boundary Eco-Tour**

Sunday, December 26–Friday, December 31, 2010, Arava, Israel: In January, the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies brought two alumni—one Jewish and one Palestinian—to BJ to talk about how the work of the Institute in Israel brought them together as friends. Now you have the

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

• **Rosh Hodesh Women's Group For Adar:**

Explore The World of Vashti

Facilitated by Rabbi Felicia Sol

Sunday, February 14 • 11:00AM-12:30PM, following the morning minyan • 88th Street Frankel Hall. Join Rabbi Felicia Sol in welcoming the month of Adar with increased joy and a deeper look into the world of the alternative woman: Vashti. Everyone is invited to attend the morning minyan at 9:30AM. Please bring a dairy/vegetarian snack to share. Free of charge; registration not required.

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

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

Seven Thursdays (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.

• **The Rabbinic Mind on the Exodus**

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

Eight Tuesdays (through March 23) • 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 (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.

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:** 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.

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chance to see that amazing work firsthand, as the Arava Institute offers its inaugural Trans-Boundary Eco-Tour. This once-in-a-lifetime trip to Israel, Jordan, and the West Bank will allow participants to see the Arava Institute's work with their own eyes, visiting key environmental sites and

meeting with leaders on all sides of the borders to learn how the Arava Institute uses environmental cooperation to build respect, understanding, and peace. For more information, visit www.friendsofarava.org/Eco-Tour, call 866-312-7282, or email david@friendsofarava.org.

Invitation To Piyut

By Sofia Hubscher

We found ourselves back at our "home away from home" this fourth day of our BJ November trip to Israel, the stunning Hebrew Union College campus. The particular program this day, however, was not directly related to HUC. Rather, it related to the power of music and its ability to create a connection for us to G-d and our heritage. It was a theme we had visited over and over again with the emerging spiritual communities in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv and, of course, something we experience powerfully at home through BJ.

And, in fact, as Yair Harel welcomed us into the room and began to acquaint us with piyutim and his organization, www.piyut.org.il, we realized that a good portion of the prayer music at BJ is already enriched with the melodies of piyut, Jewish devotional music from around the world, as Roly has been working with Yair for the past few years and teaching this material at BJ. Yair and his two fellow musicians played Shahar Avakeshcha for us as we closed our eyes and imagined the community from where this tune might have originated. He then described his organization, www.piyut.org.il, which seeks to track down melodies of piyutim from Jewish communities far and wide. He demonstrated the collection of such tunes on his organization's website and showed us the diversity of contributors who submit: from Portugal to Morocco, from India to Syria. Individuals send piyutim no longer sung which they learned from the grandparents, and those used in living communities to celebrate festive days and lifecycle events. The website serves as a living library of the melodies and histories of the Jewish people. Yair then led us in a challenging and beautiful melody and after several repetitions, we were singing along.

We left Yair with the promise that the revival of piyutim—the musical memory of the Jewish people—which is very active in Israel, has promise to contribute to the revitalization of our North American prayer. And, indeed, we found ourselves humming throughout the rest of our trip—walking the streets of Yerushalyim, riding on the bus, waiting in the airport, with the recognition that the piyut we had learned had permeated our souls.

Roly and Yair are partnering in an Invitation to Piyut Conference for North America this November.

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