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TOLEDOT

MEVARKHIM HAHOODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 25:19 - 28:9

TRIENNIAL Genesis 25:19 - 26:22

1: 25:19 - 25:22

2: 25:23 - 25:26

3: 25:27 - 25:34

4: 26:1 - 26:5

5: 26:6 - 26:12

6: 26:13 - 26:16

7: 26:17 - 26:22

Maftir: 26:19 - 26:22

HAFTARAH I Samuel 20:18 - 42

NEXT WEEK: **VAYETZE**

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 28:10 - 32:3

TRIENNIAL Genesis 28:10 - 30:13

HAFTARAH Hosea 12:13 - 14:10

November 5-12, 2010

28 Heshvan-5 Kislev, 5771

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Tot Shabbat and Dinner

5:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Learning Program

9:30 AM – 86th St. Chapel

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah

Micah Dicker

Bar Mitzvah

Alexander Dicker

Aliyat Hatan veKallah

Derek Rosenbaum and Kerrith Solomon

Naming

Alexandra Pearl Wanner

Speaker

Daisy Kahn, ASMA, 3rd Ann. Global Weekend of Twinning of Mosques & Synagogues

K/1 Family Shabbat Program

9:45 AM – 86th St. Parlor

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

Reaching Out and Reaching In: Bikkur Holim

and the Challenge of Connection

12:30 PM – 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)

Simon Wiesenthal—Life and Legends Presentation

with Tom Segev

3:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

Limud: Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

5:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall (SEE P.3)

Minha Service

5:30 PM – 88th St.

Bar Mitzvah

Benjamin Korman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Daylight Saving Time ends: set clocks back 1 hour

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

Bat Mitzvah

Annabel Strauss

Affordable Housing Community

Walk-Through

12:30 PM – 88th St. (SEE SIDEBAR)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

7:00 PM – BJ Office

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Limud: The Book of Exodus

8:30 AM – 88th St.

Limud: The Rabbinic Mind and Imagination

No class this week

Limud: Heschel's Heavenly Torah

No class this week

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

Limud: More Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis

12:30 PM (SEE P.3)

BJ Hebrew School

No classes today

Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a

7:00 PM – BJ Office

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Bim Bam

9:30 and 10:45 AM – 88th St.

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

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BJ's Ner Tamid at 88th St. is powered by the light of the sun.

! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

• **Affordable Housing Community Walk-Through Sunday, November 7, 12:30-4:30PM**, meet at 88th Street Frankel Hall: Concerned about having places to live in our neighborhood that are affordable? Join members of BJ's Affordable Housing Campaign Team for a fun community event where we will walk the Upper West Side and adjacent neighborhoods and gather information about potential opportunities and sites where affordable housing could be created. Please contact Josh at jweisstuch@yahoo.com with any questions. R.S.V.P. to www.bj.org/affordable-housing-walk/

DONATE NOW.

BJ needs your help to achieve the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to buy the 89th Street building. Contribute by contacting Nancy Gad-Harf at ngad-harf@bj.org or 212-787-7600 x262.

• If BJ doesn't buy the 89th Street building, our Hebrew School will lose its home.

• Buying the building will allow BJ to have Shabbat morning services for the general congregation as well as children's services at the "new" expanded BJ.

The first building bids are due November 16, 2010. Every gift will bring us closer to our goal and help us be able to secure BJ's future. Visit www.bj.org/89th-street to learn more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAH^{EM}

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

- Dova Marder, her husband Stephen Friedgood, and their son Matan on the death of Dova's beloved mother, Martha Marder.
- Robin and Sophia Reif on the death of Robin's beloved father, Dr. Irving Reif.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Alexander, Micah, Stephen, Nilda, and Isaiah Dicker on Alexander and Micah becoming B'nai Mitzvah.

- Benjamin, Jerry and Arielle Korman and Mira Rivera on Benjamin becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Annabel, Thomas and Theodore Strauss and Wendy Cromwell on Annabel becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- Kerrith Solomon and Derek Rosenbaum on their upcoming wedding.
- Robin and Martin Wanner on the naming of their daughter, Alexandra Pearl Wanner.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by BJ in honor of Bikkur Holim volunteers.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Every Shabbat at Members' Homes—Hakhnasat Or^ḥim

Friday, November 5, following the 6:30PM service, members' homes: You are welcome at other members' homes every Shabbat! We are happy to let you know that after a successful run of BJ members opening their homes to host Shabbat dinners as part of the Hakhnasat Or^ḥim (welcoming guests) initiative last year, we are now doing it every Shabbat. BJ members only are welcome to register and be matched on first-come, first-served basis. If interested, please contact Guy at gfelixbrodt@bj.org or x255 by the Tuesday preceding the Shabbat dinner you'd like to attend. Preference given to members who not yet been hosted—space is limited!

• Reaching Out and Reaching In: Bikkur Holim and the Challenge of Connection

Saturday, November 6, 12:30–1:30PM, 86th Street Chapel: As Bikkur Holim volunteers and members of a kehillah kedushah (holy community), we recognize the importance of reaching out to others when they fall ill. During this teaching we will study the meaning and power of Bikkur Holim through Talmudic texts, and explore together the challenges of connecting to oneself, to others and to the Divine through the act of visiting the sick. All BJ members and Bikkur Holim volunteers are invited to attend.

• Simon Wiesenthal—Life and Legends Presentation, with Tom Segev

Saturday, November 6, 3:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us as we host Israeli journalist and historian Tom Segev for a discussion about the first fully documented biography of Simon Wiesenthal. Segev's book reveals the fascinating truth behind this simultaneously admired, despised, and feared Nazi hunter. Segev obtained access to Wiesenthal's hundreds of thousands of private papers and records of the U.S., Israeli, Polish, and East German secret services. He reveals the intriguing secrets of Wiesenthal's life, including his stunning role in the capture of Adolf Eichmann, his controversial investigative techniques, and the nature of his rivalry with Elie Wiesel. Free; R.S.V.P. required to Guy at gfelixbrodt@bj.org.

• With Earth and Each Other: A Virtual Rally for a Better Middle East

Sunday, November 14, 1:00PM, 88th Street: Join us as we host the legendary Pete Seeger and celebrate co-existence and sustainability in the Middle East with thousands of people across the globe. An hour-long internet-based group-watching experience hosted by Emmy and Tony Award winner Mandy Patinkin, With Earth and Each Other will feature celebrities, special musical performances, and segments highlighting many moving examples of Middle East cooperation. Participants will be asked to join together at the event's conclusion to sing "Salaam" (Od Yavo Shalom Aleinu), a song in Hebrew and Arabic that envisions the new future that we all wish for. This event is co-sponsored by Hazon. R.S.V.P. required on withearhandeachother.org.

• "Okef Lod" Film Screening and Discussion with the Filmmaker

Monday, November 15, 7:00PM, 88th Street: Join us for the screening of "Okef Lod" as part of the JCC in Manhattan's Other Israel Film Festival. Amal High School in Lod is the last opportunity for students who failed other educational frameworks to complete their high school education. We follow three students' stories through the eyes of the school's principal, who is determined that his students will succeed against all odds. Followed by a conversation with Director Orna Raviv. \$8 for all; purchase at jccmanhattan.org or at the door.

• Men's Havurah

Saturday, November 20, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: The gathering will feature BJ member Ron Taffel speaking on "The Importance of Men's Happiness in Family Life: Another Politically Incorrect Discussion." Ron is a noted child and family therapist, the author of five popular and two professional books, as well as over one hundred articles for professionals and parents. He has been featured in *The New York Times* and has appeared on The Today Show, The Early Morning Today Show, Good Morning America, The CBS Morning Show, Dateline, 20/20, Primetime Live and The Larry King Show. Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein will host this gathering.

• Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 24, 7:00-8:30PM, 86th Street: Join with our neighbors of all faith traditions to give thanks on the eve of Thanksgiving. There will be a light reception after the service. Clergy from several churches and synagogues will be participating. Hosted by B'nai Jeshurun, Sacred Center, St. Paul and St. Andrew and West-Park Presbyterian Church. Please bring checks made out to the West Side Campaign Against Hunger. For more information, please contact Rabbi Michelle Dardashti at mdardashti@bj.org or x264.

• Were You a Bat Torah?

Calling all members who became Bat Torah starting in 1985. We plan to honor you with an aliyah and Kiddush in January 2011. Please identify yourselves by contacting Helena Diamant Glass at 212-217-3826 or helena_diamantglass@fitnyc.edu as soon as possible.

• Volunteer with Bikkur Holim

Bikkur Holim is performing the mitzvah of providing comfort to those who are ill, whether they suffer the pains of the body or spirit. The Bikkur Holim committee is looking for volunteers who are able to visit the elderly at the Jewish Home and Hospital. Please contact Jessica Feder Mantel at federmantel@nyc.rr.com to volunteer or with questions. The committee is also in need of volunteers who wish to become callers for Shabbat Connections, a program involving weekly Shabbat calls to congregants who are homebound. If interested, please contact Julie Kern at jfmakern@aol.com.

CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• Literacy Volunteers Needed

Volunteers meet one-on-one with children in Grades 1-2 to support classroom instruction in reading and writing at PS 166. This program is dedicated to helping children attain literacy and to love and value books. It's an exciting opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children in a one-on-one setting. Needed: Individuals to work with an eager elementary school student. Sessions on Monday and Wednesday mornings. If you cannot make a regular commitment, please sign up as a sub. Contact Ellen Schecter at ellen.schecter@gmail.com ASAP.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• Share Your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Project

Did you (or your child) do a service project in honor of your bar/bat mitzvah in the past five years? If so, we'd love to hear from you. All students who have recently done a project in honor of their b'nai mitzvah in the past few years should contact Emily Walsh at ewalsh@bj.org to receive a survey, so we can learn more about what you did. We'll use this information to plan for our upcoming Mitzvah Fair, share with other students, and we may even ask you to share more about your experience with the community.

• 6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Learning Program

Saturday, November 6, 9:30AM, 86th Street Chapel: Just as the Torah has

been studied throughout the generations, your child is part of the line of Jewish learning. And just as there is much to learn, so too will our community learn from the teaching your child gives on that parasha. At this program, we'll begin a series of workshops that lets students dive into their parasha using theatrical, interpretive, and creative skills based on the Storahelling method. After the program, families are encouraged to join Junior Congregation in the Social Hall.

• 4th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Parent Orientation Meeting

Wednesday, November 17, 7:00PM, 88th Street: Parents of children in 4th grade, or whose birthdates fall between September 2000 and December 2001, are invited to an informational meeting that will detail each step of the B'nai Mitzvah planning process. Though this meeting is optional, we highly encourage all parents to attend. Applications for dates will be turned in at this time, and there will be an opportunity for questions and answers. For more information, please refer to the B'nai Mitzvah link on the BJ website, www.bj.org, or contact Arlene Brandon at arabrandon@bj.org or x223.

• Camp Fair

Thursday, November 18, 5:30-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Get a head start on next summer at BJ's Camp Fair. Meet representatives from local Jewish camps (day and residential) and learn about their programs.

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

• Rosh Hodesh Kislev Women's Group: From Darkness to Light *Rabbis Felicia L. Sol and Michelle Dardashti, Marshall T. Meyer* *Rabbinic Fellow*

Saturday, November 6, 5:00-7:00PM, 86th Street Social Hall. How do we prepare for Kislev, for Hanukkah, for a month of light? Join us along with special guest Merle Feld, who will share poems from her new book *Finding Words*. Together we will usher out Shabbat and usher in the month of Kislev with a special Havdalah experience. Please bring a dairy/kosher snack to share with the group. Free of charge; registration not required.

• Lunch and Learn: More Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis *Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon*

8 Thursdays (remaining classes November 11, 18, December 2, 9), 12:30-1:30PM, location provided upon registration: We will continue our study of 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. Please bring your own lunch. Registration is full; please contact Liz at erosenblum@bj.org to be added to the wait list.

• BJ Israel Salons

Rabbi Marcelo R. Bronstein

Tuesday, November 16 and 30, 12:00-2:00PM, location given upon registration: Please bring your own lunch; refreshments and cookies will be provided. Marcelo will again facilitate Beit Midrash Salons. All the Salons will be dedicated to Israel. We'll be looking into Israeli society through documentary films, text and sometimes a guest speaker to foster meaningful conversations about Israel, its beauty and complexity. Each Salon is a 2-session series. November Salons are open to all BJ members. Limited space is available. Location provided upon R.S.V.P. to ngoodhart@bj.org.

• The Rabbinic Mind and Imagination: Pirke deRabbi Eliezer *Rabbi Felicia L. Sol*

8 Tuesdays (remaining classes November 16, 23, 30, December 7; no class November 9), 12:30-1:45PM, BJ Office, Conference Room: Explore the way the Sages understood the Torah through the close textual reading of the 9th century midrashic work Pirke deRabbi Eliezer. Come to know how the rabbis thought and their creative imagination. No knowledge of Hebrew is required. Free of charge; registration required.

• Abraham Joshua Heschel's Heavenly Torah *Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon*

6 Tuesdays (remaining classes November 16, 30, December 7; no class November 9), 6:30-8:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: We resume our reading and study of Rabbi Heschel's gigantic work on rabbinic thought. *Heavenly Torah* explores the polarity 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 fundamental religious questions such as what is the reason for the mitzvot? What is the nature of prophecy? Where does the Torah come from? Please bring the book to class; no photocopies will be distributed. New participants welcome. Free of charge; registration required.

• God!

Mishael Zion

Mondays, Part 1: remaining class November 8; **Part 2:** November 15, 22, 29 and December 6, 6:30-8:00PM, Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El (10 East 66th Street): Father, Mother, King, Nothingness? We use many words to approach and describe God, but don't often have an opportunity to understand and discuss the images and sources of these words. Inspired by Talmudic stories, medieval philosophy and Kabbalah, as well as modern poetry, revisit the ways Jews imagined God and enrich your own language in approaching the Divine in your life. This course is in partnership with BJ. Register for Part 1, Part 2 or the full semester at the Skirball Center website, www.adultjewishlearning.org.

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 Belinda Lasky, Assistant Executive Director, x224 or blasky@bj.org. We look forward to welcoming you to our community!

• **A Note from the Ushers: There is now one Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat service.** To prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before services begin. As the weather cools, please time your arrival accordingly. After services on Friday nights, please leave siddurim (prayer books) on the seats. Men are asked to wear kippot during services. Photography, cell phone use, and food are not permitted in the Sanctuary. To give the siddurim and humashim (Torah text) the respect they merit, they should not be placed on the floor

when not in use. Tallitot and damaged books may be brought to the back of the Sanctuary after Shabbat 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.

• **LinkedIn and Network Out!**

Want to expand your network? Want to make more connections within the BJ community? Then join over 450 BJ members who already joined the "B'nai Jeshurun—New York City" BJ group on LinkedIn, www.linkedin.com. There you can share your professional network, post jobs, and respond to any ongoing discussions posted in the group.

• **We Want to See Your Face Every Day—on Facebook!**

Tired of knowing the faces in the crowd but not the names? Want to get to know more BJ members? Then join BJ's Facebook group, called B'nai Jeshurun NYC. You can see other members, post pictures and start discussions—all just a click away! We hope this tool will help build community at BJ from online to on-sight. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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.

CREATING KEHILLAH (continued from page 3)

Camps include Ramah Nyack, Camp Eisner, Eden Village, and many more. Admission is free, and kids are more than welcome. Hebrew School parents can stop by before or after picking up their children. If you have a camp you'd like to see represented at our fair, or if you have any other questions, please contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Tze'irim Ice Skating Under the Stars**

Tuesday, November 9, 8:00PM, Citi Pond at Bryant Park: There's a chill in the air, and Tze'irim is going ice skating. Whether you're a first-timer or the next Evan Lysacek, come take a spin under the stars at the 17,000 square foot rink in Bryant Park. We've got VIP access and we're ready to see your moves. To register, please visit www.bj.org. The cost is \$9 with skate rentals and \$2 without skate rentals. Space is limited.

• **Tze'irim Shabbat Dinner**

Friday, November 12, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us for the first Tze'irim Shabbat Dinner of the year with Rabbinic Fellow Jason Fruithandler for a fully catered meal and 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 the BJ's musicians. \$23 members; \$28 non-members. To register, visit www.bj.org.

• **Tze'irim Makes Dinner for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter**

Thursday, November 18, 6:00-7:30PM, 86th Street Kitchen: We'll meet at 6:00PM, downstairs in the kitchen at SPSA. As usual, all the cooks will split the cost of the groceries (\$8-10), and no cooking experience is necessary. R.S.V.P. by 12:00PM Thursday, November 18 to the Tze'irim SA/SJ committee at volunteers@tzeirim.bj.org.

• **Shabbat Potluck Dinner with Member of Knesset Shlomo Molla**

Friday, November 19, 8:00PM, 86th Street: Tze'irim is delighted to invite you to a potluck dinner where we are excited to be joined by Shlomo Molla, an Ethiopian member of Knesset since February, 2008. Please R.S.V.P. on the Tze'irim page of www.bj.org. Please remember to mark on your registration form what dairy or veggie dish you are bringing to share.

• **Tze'irim Goes to the Knicks**

Monday, January 24, 7:30PM, Madison Square Garden: Join Tze'irim at Madison Square Garden to watch the New York Knicks take on All-Star Gilbert Arenas, First Overall Pick John Wall, and the Washington Wizards. Tickets are in the 300s section and only \$35.00, which includes a \$10.00 food and beverage voucher. Seats are limited. Registration link to come.

AFFILIATES

• **A Wider Bridge Panel Discussion: Israeli, Orthodox and Gay**

Tuesday, November 9, 7:30PM, Jewish Community Center in Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Avenue: A Wider Bridge and the JCC of Manhattan present Israeli, Orthodox and Gay: A panel discussion with leaders of a growing and historic movement. A growing number of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals have emerged from within Israel's Orthodox communities, and new organizations have developed to serve their needs. These organizations create community, provide support groups, promote greater visibility and understanding about the lives of the GLBT Orthodox, and create welcoming spaces for prayer and celebration. For more information visit www.awiderbridge.org.

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