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**VAYISHLAH**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Genesis 32:4 - 36:43

**TRIENNIAL** Genesis 32:4 - 33:20

1: 32:4 - 32:6

2: 32:7 - 32:9

3: 32:10 - 32:13

4: 32:14 - 32:22

5: 32:23 - 32:30

6: 32:31 - 33:5

7: 33:6 - 33:20

Maftir: 33:18 - 33:20

**HAFTARAH** Ovadiah 1:1 - 2:1

NEXT WEEK: **VAYESHEV**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Genesis 37:1 - 40:23

**TRIENNIAL** Genesis 37:1 - 37:36

**HAFTARAH** Amos 2:6 - 3:8

**November 19-26, 2010**

**12-19 Kislev, 5771**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

**Gan/Aleph/Bet Class Shabbat Dinner** 5:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

**Tze'irim Shabbat Potluck Dinner**  
**With Member of Knesset Shlomo Molla** 8:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**5th Grade B'nai Mitzvah** 9:30 AM – 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.3)

**Family Learning Program**  
**Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

**Bar Mitzvah** Benjamin Pickman

**Kindergarten & First Grade** 9:45 AM – 86th St. Parlor

**Family Shabbat Program**

**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

**Minḥa Service** 4:15 PM – 88th St.

**Bar Mitzvah** Quentin Dupouy

**Men's Havurah** 5:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

**Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 88th St.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

**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 23**

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St.

**Limud: The Book of Exodus** 8:30 AM – 88th St.

**Limud: The Rabbinic Mind and Imagination** 12:30 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.3)

**Limud: Heschel's Heavenly Torah** No class this week

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St.

**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** 7:00 PM – 86th St. (SEE P.2)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

**Thanksgiving Day**

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

**Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 88th St.

**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** Cancelled this week

**Limud: More Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis** No class this week

**BJ Hebrew School** Closed today

**Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a** No class this week

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

**Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 88th St.

**Bim Bam** No class this week

To register for classes and events, please visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

**! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK**

**• Volunteers Needed at the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter**

The BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter needs volunteers who can spend the night so our shelter guests have a place to stay. Our shelter is open Sunday through Thursday, so you are invited to pick the night that works best for you. This is your chance to fulfill the mitzvah of hospitality, feeding the hungry and welcoming the stranger—all while sleeping through the night. For more information, contact Anne Millman at [AnnieMill@aol.com](mailto:AnnieMill@aol.com).

**BJ still needs your help. DONATE NOW.**

BJ has been offered the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to buy the 89th Street building. Bids have been submitted, but your pledge is still needed. Contribute by contacting Nancy Gad-Harf at [ngad-harf@bj.org](mailto:ngad-harf@bj.org) or 212-787-7600 x262.

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](http://www.bj.org/89th-street) to learn more.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HA-MAKOM YENAHEM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our beloved member Hella Moritz in São Paulo, Brazil, and we extend our sincere condolences to her family and all her loved ones.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Arthur Rovine and his entire family on the death of his beloved wife, Phyllis Rovine.

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Benjamin, Alan and Max Pickman and Jan Gura on Benjamin becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Quentin and Laura Dupouy on Quentin becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

- Carole Lurie and Gerry Hirsch on their upcoming wedding.
- Herbert and Marilyn Levy on the election of their daughter-in-law, Kelly Levy, as a City of New York Civil Court Judge.
- Jonah Bleckner on being awarded first prize in the "Capturing your Community" photography competition at the Jewish Museum in Manhattan. His winning photo, entitled "Surrounded by School," will be hung in the gallery and displayed on the Jewish Museum website.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Jules Love and visitors from the Diamond District in Israel.
- Families from the Westchester Jewish Center, Mamaroneck, New York.
- Rabbi Joseph Eiduson, Ellen Schreiber and high school students, Congregation B'nai Shalom, Westborough, Massachusetts.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • Every Shabbat at Members' Homes—Hakhnasat Orhim

**Friday, November 19**, 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 Orhim (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](mailto: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!

### • 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 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. Spiritual leaders 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](mailto:mdardashti@bj.org) or x264.

### • Hanukkah Community Dinner with Ari and Shoshi

**Friday, December 3**, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us for a communal musical Hanukkah celebration in an intimate setting with Hazzan Ari Priven and BJ's cantorial intern Shoshi Rosenbaum. The

evening will include a three-course dinner, wine, and some all-time favorite Hanukkah songs! \$33 members/\$43 non-members/\$13 child; register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

### • New Member of BJ?

**December 7 and 16 or January 18 and 27**, 6:30-9:00PM, location provided upon registration: If you recently joined BJ, we have a hand-crafted experience just for you. Our New Member Orientation Programs (NMOPs) are the way to learn all of the BJ inside info you need to know. Now is your chance to learn about our shared history and schmooze with our rabbis, hazzan, and other new members. Each NMOP is a 2-session series. Choose to attend December 7 and 16 or January 18 and 27. R.S.V.P. to Jon Wood at [jwood@bj.org](mailto:jwood@bj.org) by November 30.

### • Morning Minyan for New Members

**Sunday, December 12**, 9:30AM, 88th Street: Experience the synergy of communal prayer by participating in morning minyan at BJ. New members are highly encouraged to attend this exceptionally warm and intimate Jewish ritual. This is a wonderful opportunity for new members to connect with each other in a quiet and friendly setting. R.S.V.P. to Jon Wood at [jwood@bj.org](mailto:jwood@bj.org).

### • Be a Friday Night Usher

As we join together for one Kabbalat Shabbat service in the 88th Street sanctuary, we urgently need YOU to volunteer to meet, greet, and seat your fellow congregants. By volunteering, you'll help fulfill the important mitzvah of hakhnasat orhim (welcoming guests) and building our kehillah kedosha (holy community) and help ensure that services will be comfortable for all. If you can commit to ushering two Fridays, your community would be most grateful. Contact Sarah Guthartz at the BJ office, [sguthartz@bj.org](mailto:sguthartz@bj.org) or x234.

### • 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](mailto:helena_diamantglass@fitnyc.edu) as soon as possible.

## CREATING KEHILLAH

### SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

#### • Inside the Activists' Studio

**Sunday, December 5**, 4:00-9:00PM, 92nd Street Y Tribeca, 200 Hudson Street: 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 Hanukkah festivities. This event is co-sponsored by BJ and hosted by Pursue (formerly the AJWS/AVODAH Partnership). Register online at <http://whoinspiresyou2010.eventbrite.com/>.

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YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **Get Up for Shabbat, the Morning Service: 5th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Family Learning Program**

**Saturday, November 20**, 9:30AM, 86th Street Chapel: Last spring we unrolled the Torah at our opening program, and received our parshiot. Now, 5th grade students and their parents will continue to "unroll" Jewish learning with Rabbi Roly Matalon and Emily Walsh as they "wake up" to the morning service using creative and interactive methods inspired by StorahTelling. After the program, families are encouraged to join Junior Congregation in the Social Hall. Please register online at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) for this program before November 19.

• **Goodies for Thanksgiving at the Shelter**

**Sunday, November 21**, 12:00-3:00PM, JCC in Manhattan: BJ and SPSA do an incredible amount of work to manage our own homeless shelter. Join the BJ Teens in giving back to the community and supporting the homeless during the holiday season. Let's do our part and make Thanksgiving extra special for our guests. We'll make a goody bag for each guest, eat some pizza, and learn about homelessness in New York. It's good work for a great cause! R.S.V.P. to Jason Fruithandler at [jfruthandler@bj.org](mailto:jfruthandler@bj.org).

• **Mitzvah Fair**

**Thursday, December 2**, 4:15-6:00PM, 88th Street: Discover your passion, and pick a project that allows you to serve the community at this year's Mitzvah Fair. All 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students who will become b'nai mitzvah at BJ (regardless of where they receive their Jewish education) should plan to attend this major event with their parents. Representatives from various BJ groups and outside organizations will present opportunities through which students can perform mitzvot.

• **Tot Shabbat and Dinner**

**Friday, December 3**, 5:30PM, 86th Street: Families will enjoy a Shabbat service with a performance from our Hanukkah play! Everything begins in the 86th Street Chapel at 5:30PM, followed by dinner at 6:00PM in the Social Hall. Dinner includes choices for adults and children. Vegetarian

options will be available; dietary laws observed. While the adults finish their meal, children will participate in games and songs! Register by Monday, November 29. Contact Kristen Kersey at x260 with questions or dietary requests.

• **K-2 Family Breakfast**

**Saturday, December 4**, 9:30-10:30AM, 86th Street Parlor: Kindergarten through second graders are invited to join us for breakfast in the SPSA Parlor before services on Shabbat morning. It's the perfect way to meet other parents and kids, schmooze with the ones you know, and energize with bagels, coffee and juice so you're ready for services! We thank a generous donor for funding this event, but you must register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) before November 30.

• **Community Hanukkah Play**

**Monday, December 6**, 7:00PM, 88th Street: Join us for a "GleeFull Hanukkah" with our new Hanukkah Choir. This is our first show with original music and lyrics. The third and fourth grade choir will perform a selection of Hanukkah tunes followed by the main stage performance by our fifth through eighth graders. The show will run approximately one hour, followed by sufganiyot and holiday treats. Admission is free. Come support our kids for this wonderful community event!

• **5th Grade Families Cooking for the Shelter**

**Tuesday, December 7**, 5:00-6:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: 5th graders and their families are invited to cook for the BJ/SPSA Shelter. Every month, a different grade prepares a meal for Shelter guests. Together, we cook and set the table while engaging in age-appropriate study about the Jewish value of feeding the hungry. This is a community-wide program; all families of 5th graders are invited. R.S.V.P. to Elissa Fishman at [elissafishman@gmail.com](mailto:elissafishman@gmail.com) by Friday, November 26.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Tze'irim Goes to the Knicks**

**Monday, January 24**, 7:30PM, Madison Square Garden: Join Tze'irim at *(continued on page 4)*

UPCOMING LIMUD *Please visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) for more information and to register.*

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

**8 Tuesdays** (remaining classes November 23, 30, December 7), 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 30, December 7), 6:30-8:00PM, *please note change of location: The Heschel School, 270 West 89th Street between Broadway and West End Avenue*: 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.

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

**8 Thursdays** (remaining classes 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](mailto:erosenblum@bj.org) to be added to the wait list.

• **BJ Israel Salons**  
*Rabbi Marcelo R. Bronstein*

**Tuesdays, December 7 and 14**, 7:00-9:00PM, location provided upon registration: Marcelo will again facilitate Beit Midrash Salons at members' homes. 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. December salons are targeted to members who went on the social action/social justice Israel trip in 2008. Limited space is available. R.S.V.P. to [ngoodhart@bj.org](mailto:ngoodhart@bj.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](mailto: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](http://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/](http://www.bj.org/tefillah/minyan/). If you are interested in receiving a weekly minyan email, please contact Ari Priven at [apriven@bj.org](mailto:apriven@bj.org).

## CREATING KEHILLAH (continued from page 3)

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.

**BEKEF: 35+**

• **40+ Havurah Hanukkah Party**

**Saturday, December 4, 7:30PM**, location given upon R.S.V.P. : Enjoy candle lighting, food, music, friends, dancing and a grab bag. The 40+ Havurah is a group of men and women, single and married, established to promote the sharing of friendship, social activities, spirituality and Jewish religious events. Space is limited. R.S.V.P. to Rose Bell at [rose135ny@aol.com](mailto:rose135ny@aol.com). \$25 if received by Monday, November 29; \$40 after November 29.

**EVENTS OF INTEREST**

• **Play: "In the Wake"**

**November 8-21**, The Public Theater, 425 Lafayette St.: Obie Award winner Lisa Kron, a longtime BJ member, returns to The Public Theater with a witty, passionate, and intellectually charged meditation on love and country. Directed by Leigh Silverman and set during the years of the Bush administration, the show explores the twists and turns in our cultural and political lives and the blind spots that emerge when we are faced with an unstable present and an unknowable future. Get \$45 tickets for all remaining performances by using discount code PUBLIC2 at [www.publictheater.org](http://www.publictheater.org) or by calling 212-967-7555.

• **New York Center for Law and Justice Benefit**

**Tuesday, November 30, 6:30PM**, 88th Street: The New York Center for Law and Justice is holding its Second Annual Celebration Benefit. Founded by BJ member Bruce Gitlin, it is the only legal services organization in the country exclusively dedicated to representing the indigent, deaf population. The reception begins at 6:30PM and the educational program at 7:30PM. There is no charge to attend or solicitation of funds.

• **Play: "Displaced Wedding"**

**Various dates and times beginning December 10**, 86th Street: The New Worlds Theatre Project presents "Displaced Wedding" (or "The Wedding in Fohrenwald") by H. Leivick. The English adaptation was written by BJ member Ellen Perecman. The story focuses on a couple's survival through decades of international crises. Is it too soon for a wedding? The show opens December 10 at the West End Theatre; tickets \$18. For more information, visit [www.smartTix.com](http://www.smartTix.com) or call 212-868-4444.

• **Limmud NY**

**January 14-17**, Hudson Valley Resort, Kerhonkson, NY: Join us as we celebrate the rich diversity of Jewish life, culture, and ideas. Choose from 300+ sessions offered by leading Jewish thinkers, artists, public figures, educators and activists. Immerse yourself or dip your toe into Jewish sacred study, art, music, film, literature, yoga, nature walks, kids' camp and diverse Shabbat rituals and prayer services, and more! To register, visit [www.limmudny.org](http://www.limmudny.org) or call 212-908-2525.

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