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MIKETZ

SHABBAT HANUKKAH

MEVARKHIM HAHOESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 41:1 - 44:17

TRIENNIAL Genesis 41:1 - 41:52

1: 41:1 - 41:4

2: 41:5 - 41:7

3: 41:8 - 41:14

4: 41:15 - 41:24

5: 41:25 - 41:38

6: 41:39 - 41:43

7: 41:44 - 41:52

Maftir: Numbers 7:24 - 7:29

HAFTARAH

Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7

NEXT WEEK: VAYIGASH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 44:18 - 47:27

TRIENNIAL Genesis 44:18 - 45:27

HAFTARAH Ezekiel 37:15 - 37:28

December 3-10, 2010

26 Kislev-3 Tevet, 5771

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

Tot Shabbat and Dinner

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Hanukkah Community Dinner

3RD CANDLE HANUKKAH

5:30 PM – 86th St. Chapel and Social Hall

6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

Following Service – 88th St. Frankel Hall
(SEE P.2)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

Shabbat Hanukkah Morning Services

4TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah

Noah Scholnick

Bar Mitzvah

Daniel Goldstein

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

Eli DuBois

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

Morning Minyan

5TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

9:30 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

Morning Minyan

6TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

7:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

7:00 PM – BJ Office

Community Hanukkah Play

7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

ROSH HODESH TEVET • 7TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

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

6:30 PM – The Heschel School (SEE P.3)

Limud: BJ Israel Salon

7:00 PM (SEE P.3)

Limud: Rosh Hodesh Hag HaBanot Dinner

7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

ROSH HODESH TEVET • 8TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM – 88th St.

Limud: More Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis

12:30 PM (SEE P.3)

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a

7:00 PM – BJ Office

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Bim Bam

9:30 and 10:45 AM – 88th St.

**BJ Needs Your Help.
It's Now or Never.
DONATE TODAY.**

BJ has been offered the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to buy the 89th Street building. The bidding process has become competitive. The next bid is due Monday, December 6. Pledge or donate at www.bj.org/89th-street or contact Nancy Gad-Harf at ngad-harf@bj.org or 212-787-7600 x262.

We need your pledge. Every gift will bring us closer to our goal and help us be able to secure BJ's future.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM

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

- Alison Pepper on the death of her beloved father, Amond Irwin Pepper.
- Francine Collins on the death of her beloved aunt, Dubby Berlin.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Noah, Alan, Mylene, Leah and Maya Scholnick on Noah becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Daniel, Stephen and Laura Goldstein and Sara Mandelbaum on Daniel becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

- Eli, Jonathan, Aliza and Lydia Dubois on Eli becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Shelly Ostro on his grandson, Evan Chait, becoming a Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat at Temple Judea, Roslyn, New York.
- Helen Hanan on the arrival of her granddaughter, Ruby Skye Joseloff.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush and flowers for the bimah are co-sponsored by Alan and Mylene Scholnick in honor of Noah becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and by Sara Mandelbaum and Stephen Goldstein in honor of Daniel becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• 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.

• Knitzvah Circle

Thursday, December 9, 4:30-6:00PM, 88th Street: Knitters of all levels are invited to join us in making hand-knit scarves for charity. Joining our Knitzvah Circle will be BJ member Kay Gardiner, author of "Mason-Dixon Knitting: The Curious Knitters' Guide". If you plan to join us, R.S.V.P. to Margie Vandow at mvandow@yahoo.com with "Knitzvah" on the subject line to receive more details. We are hoping that this will be the beginning of an ongoing Knitzvah Circle at BJ.

• 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.

• SPSA invites BJ

Sunday, December 12, 11:00AM, 86th Street: The people of St. Paul and St. Andrew invite our friends at B'nai Jeshurun to the filming of our Christmas Eve broadcast for CBS, "A Christmas for Everybody." This program will highlight the interfaith and social justice work we do together, and will include interviews with Rabbi Matalon and Imam Talib Abdur-Rashid. It will be a different kind of Christmas special! The event to be videotaped on December 12 will be a traditional Christmas Eve service, including carols and readings, and will be broadcast December 24 at 11:30PM in place of David Letterman. We can't do Christmas Eve without our friends from BJ! Join us if you can. Contact K Karpen, K@stpaulandstandrew.org, for more information.

• Men's Havurah

Saturday, December 18, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join Ron Taffel and Esther Perel in a conversation about male sexual desire as a multi-layered yet often misunderstood force of life. Ron is a noted child and family therapist, and the author of five popular and two professional

books as well as over a hundred articles. Esther is a leading psychotherapist and expert on relationships and the author of the bestseller *Mating in Captivity, Reconciling the Erotic and Domestic*. Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein will host this meeting.

• Mekusharim Premiere

Tuesday, January 11, 6:30-8:30PM, 88th Street: Mekusharim—meaning "connections"—is a new group for ages 55+. Like Tze'irim and Bekef, Mekusharim coordinates programs that are interesting, fun and offer opportunities for socializing with old friends and making new connections as well. Our theme for the year is Our Routes and Roots in New York. Join us for our premiere event, a film and discussion about growing up in New York City. Contact Sarah Guthartz at sguthartz@bj.org for more information.

• New Member of BJ?

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. R.S.V.P. to Jon Wood by December 15.

• 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 haknusat 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 or x234.

• Still Putting Off That Membership Renewal?

Members are the source of our ruah and vitality in our BJ community. Refresh your dedication to B'nai Jeshurun and reactivate your membership now. You can find the renewal membership application and pro-rated dues on our website, www.bj.org/membership. For assistance and advice, contact our Membership Associate, Jon Wood, at jwood@bj.org. As the changing season chills the air, we hope you find the warmth you seek within the BJ community once again.

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 whoinspiresyou2010.eventbrite.com/.

• Marriage Equality Hevra Meeting

Tuesday, December 14, location and time given upon R.S.V.P.: The BJ Marriage Equality Hevra invites you to attend their next meeting to learn about how we are working to achieve marriage equality for gay couples in New York State. For more information, please contact Dale at bernstein.dale@gmail.com or Lisa at lsafier@yahoo.com.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• 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 and 6th Grade Class Dinner

Friday, December 10, 7:45-9:15PM 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join classmates and friends, new and old, at a Shabbat dinner for fifth and sixth

graders, no matter where they receive their Jewish education. Please join us for services in the sanctuary beginning at 6:30PM, followed by dinner in Frankel Hall (dietary laws observed). R.S.V.P. online at www.bj.org, and contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with any questions or dietary concerns.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• Tze'irim's Hanukkah Party

Saturday, December 4, 9:30PM, Wharf Bar and Grill: Hanukkah is here, and Tze'irim has a great celebration planned. We will have all-night drink specials, mingling, and fun. The one hour "Happy Hour" special begins at 9:30, so don't be late and don't forget to bring friends. Registration is free, but please sign up at www.bj.org before Shabbat. No cover, but make sure you mention Tze'irim at the door.

• Financial Strategies 101 with Arthur Belkin

Tuesday, December 14, 8:00-9:30PM, BJ Office Conference Room: Many of us in our 20s and 30s are just starting out, establishing ourselves in a career or perhaps beginning a family. The decisions you make today will stick with you forever, so get a head start by joining us for a financial strategies crash course led by Arthur Belkin, a consultant for Capital Management Group with over 30 years of experience in finance. It's never too early to start planning your future! To R.S.V.P., register at www.bj.org.

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. Cost: \$40.

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

• The Rabbinic Mind and Imagination: Pirke deRabbi Eliezer

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

8 Tuesdays (remaining class 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 class 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.

• Rosh Hodesh Annual Hag HaBanot Dinner

Rabbis Felicia L. Sol and Michelle Dardashti, Marshall T. Meyer
Rabbinic Fellow

Tuesday, December 7, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Each year we gather as women to celebrate Hag HaBanot (The Festival of the

Daughters), an ancient Algerian, Moroccan and Tunisian Jewish celebration on Rosh Hodesh Tevet, by cooking and sharing in a festive meal. We are asking everyone to contribute \$5.00 for dinner and to bring a bottle of wine, appetizers or dessert. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org. Contact Liz Rosenblum at erosenblum@bj.org with any questions.

• 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.

• Lunch and Learn: More Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

8 Thursdays (remaining class December 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.

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.

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EVENTS OF INTEREST

• **Shalsholet's Fourth International Jewish Music Festival**

Saturday, December 4 and Sunday, December 5, 8:00PM and 10:00AM-4:00PM, Anshe Chesed, 251 West 100th Street: Experience the next generation of Jewish liturgical music with the debut of 57 original, cutting-edge compositions. Come Saturday for No Rock Like You: Songs for the Jewish Soul, and Sunday for our Meet the Composer Workshops. Advance tickets are available through November 30; \$20 (concert only)/ \$30 (workshops/brunch)/ \$40 (concert/workshops/brunch); 50% discount for seniors, students, and children. Additional \$5 charge for each event at the door. Tickets may be purchased at www.shalsholet.org or by phone at 212-865-0600 x242.

• **Crescendo for Justice: JFREJ's Annual Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Risk-Taker Awards**

Wednesday, December 7, 6:00PM reception, 7:00PM program, 88th Street: Celebrate Jews for Racial and Economic Justice's (JFREJ) twenty years of being on the front lines of struggles for housing and jobs in New York City, and our participation in passing the nation's first Domestic Workers Bills of Rights. This event will honor and showcase music from musicians and social change activists Adrienne Cooper, Si Kahn and Stephan Said. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to www.jfrej.org.

• **The 6th Annual Sephardic Music Festival**

Tuesday, December 7, doors open at 7:45PM, Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, 3 West 70th St. at Central Park West: Opening with East of the River (8:00PM), led by recorder players Nina Stern and BJ musician Daphna Mor, with music from The Balkans, Medieval Western Europe and the Middle East. At 9:00PM join Layali El Andalus, led by Moroccan master Rachid Halihal, with music from Morocco and the Middle East. Featuring special guests Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon, who will sing piyutim from North

Africa, and Omer Avital on double bass. Tickets \$15 in advance by calling 212-873-0300 x221, or \$18 at the door.

• **Play: "Displaced Wedding"**

Various dates and times beginning December 10, 86th Street: The New Worlds Theatre Project presents "Displaced Wedding" (or "The Wedding in Foehrenwald") by H. Leivick. The English adaptation was written by BJ member Ellen Perelman. 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 or call 212-868-4444.

**Do Not Stand Idly By:
A Jewish Community Pledge to Save Lives**

The recent surge in homophobic bullying and gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) teen suicides is both appalling and eye-opening. As a community and as individuals, we are compelled to raise our voices against such hatred.

We invite you to join our Rabbis in participating in a national awareness campaign to create supportive Jewish communities that foster respect. Please sign the Jewish Community Pledge to Save Lives that asks you to commit to treat everyone with dignity and respect and to take action if you see someone being bullied.

Visit www.bj.org/keshet to sign the Pledge. (NOTE: In the field that asks for your organizational affiliation, please put "B'nai Jeshurun NYC.")

Please visit BJ online at www.bj.org for more information:

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