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**VAYIGASH**

**TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL** Genesis 44:18 - 47:27  
Genesis 44:18 - 45:27

- 1: 44:18 - 44:20
- 2: 44:21 - 44:24
- 3: 44:25 - 44:30
- 4: 44:31 - 44:34
- 5: 45:1 - 45:7
- 6: 45:8 - 45:18
- 7: 45:19 - 45:27
- Maftir: 45:25 - 45:27
- Ezekiel 37:15 - 37:28

**HAFTARAH**

**NEXT WEEK: VAYEHI**

**TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL** Genesis 47:28 - 50:26  
Genesis 47:28 - 48:22

**HAFTARAH**

I Kings 2:1 - 12

**December 10-17, 2010**

**3-10 Tevet, 5771**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10**

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary  
**5th and 6th Grade Class Shabbat Dinner** Following Service – 88th Frankel Hall

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11**

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

**Bat Mitzvah**

Madeline Bender

**Children's Services**

10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

**Storahtelling: Everything Happens for a Reason**

10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.3)

**Community Kiddush**

Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

**Teens: Feed the Homeless and Learn Some Torah**

12:15 PM – 86th St. Parlor (SEE P.3)

**Community Minḥa Service**  
**Bar Mitzvah**

4:15 PM – 88th St.  
Noah Wartels

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**

**Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 88th St.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 13**

**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, DECEMBER 14**

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
**Limud: The Book of Exodus** 8:30 AM – 88th St.  
**Limud: BJ Israel Salon** 7:00 PM (SEE P.3)  
**Tze'irim: Financial Strategies 101** 8:00 PM – BJ Office Conference Room (SEE P.3)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15**

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16**

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 PM – 88th St.  
**BJ Hebrew School** 4:00-6:00 PM  
**Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a** 7:00 PM – BJ Office

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17**

**Morning Minyan**  
**Bim Bam**

**ASARA BETEVET**

7:30 AM – 88th St.  
9:30 and 10:45 AM – 88th St.

**BJ Needs Your Help.  
DONATE NOW.**

BJ has been offered the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to buy the 89th Street building. The outpouring of support from the community has been tremendous, but we still need everyone's help. Pledge or donate at [www.bj.org/89th-street](http://www.bj.org/89th-street) or contact Nancy Gad-Harf at [ngad-harf@bj.org](mailto: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.

**• Israel Fires**

Tragic fires in Israel have devastated the area of the Carmel. Forty percent of the buildings at Yemin Orde, home to more than 500 immigrant, disadvantaged and at-risk children and youth from 20 countries around the world, have been damaged or destroyed in the fire and many people have lost everything. We suggest you consider making a donation at [www.yeminorde.org](http://www.yeminorde.org) to help Yemin Orde rebuild.

To register for classes and events, please visit [www.bj.org](http://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 mourns the death of our beloved member Andrew Benzaken and extends sincere condolences to his wife, Hannah Benzaken, his children Micole and Jason Benzaken and their entire family.*

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

- Jeffrey, Evan and David Krasner, and Hilah Iaulus on the death of Jeffrey's beloved father, Dr. Bernard Krasner.
- Sandra (Sandy) and Rabbi Joel Soffin on the death of Sandy's beloved mother, Celia Stern.

### MAZAL TOV

*To the following members and their families:*

- Madeline, Samuel, Ellen and Eliza Bender on Maddie becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Noah, Gary and Rebecca Wartels and Carolyn Meyer-Wartels on Noah becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Rae-Carole Fischer and Joseph Saltiel on their recent wedding.

### TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush and flowers for the bimah are sponsored by Ellen, Sam and Eliza Bender and Barbara and Joseph Friedman in honor of Maddie becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • 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.

### • 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.

### • 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 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](http://www.bj.org/membership). For assistance and advice, contact our Membership Associate, Jon Wood, at [jwood@bj.org](mailto:jwood@bj.org). As the changing season chills the air, we hope you find the warmth you seek within the BJ community once again.

## SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **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](mailto:bernstein.dale@gmail.com) or Lisa at [lsafier@yahoo.com](mailto:lsafier@yahoo.com).

## YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **Everything Happens for a Reason: A Reading of the Portion Vayigash**

**Saturday, December 11**, 10:45AM, 86th Street Chapel: Do things always turn out for the best? Joseph hopes so. Join us to find out about what happens at a famous family reunion. Storahtelling returns to Children's Services, and Emily Walsh, Zach Fredman, Megan Sass, and Julia Katz will bring the Torah to life for toddlers and their families. Contact Emily at [ewalsh@bj.org](mailto:ewalsh@bj.org) to find out more information.

• **Feed the Homeless and Learn Some Torah**

**Saturday, December 11**, 12:15-3:15PM, 86th Street Parlor: This program for teens combines text study with social justice. We will grab lunch from Kiddush together and then head to the parlor room where we will learn the final "Bible story you don't hear about at Hebrew school." Then we will make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and hand them out to those in need in our area. If you are interested, R.S.V.P. to Jason Fruithandler at [jfruihandler@bj.org](mailto:jfruihandler@bj.org).

## TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **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, so please register online at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). Please note that this new date is a change from our original plan. We had an overwhelming response of interest, so decided to find a game for which we could get more tickets.

• **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](http://www.bj.org).

## EVENTS OF INTEREST

• **Reincarnation on One Foot: What is the Jewish Perspective on Life after Death? with DovBer Pinson**

**Tuesday, December 14**, 7:00PM, JCC in Manhattan: Want to learn more about Jewish mystical approaches to the soul, death and purpose in life? The program's format is inspired by the question asked to Hillel, "Teach me the Torah while I stand on one foot." Guaranteed to be quick-paced but thoughtful, the program will be lead by world-class Rabbi Dovber Pinson, who will answer all your questions on reincarnation in the form of enduring and practical sound bytes (180 seconds). Includes light dinner. Registration required, \$18.

• **Midrash, Art and Torah: A conversation with artists, students, poets, and writers in conjunction with Jill Nathanson's exhibition**

**Sunday, December 19**, 3:30PM, Derfner Judaica Museum, Hebrew Home at Riverdale, 5901 Palisade Ave: Join an informal conversation about art and the sacred in conjunction with Jill Nathanson's exhibition "Sacred Presence/Painterly Process—Jill Nathanson's Seeing Sinai and New Translations: Genesis." The show includes Nathanson's collaboration with JTS Chancellor Arnold Eisen, and her new project on Genesis 1. R.S.V.P. to 718-581-1596 or [eoleary@hebrewhome.org](mailto:eoleary@hebrewhome.org). Please specify if you can offer/need a ride.

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

**Rabbi Marcelo R. Bronstein**

**Tuesday, December 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).

• **The Rabbinic Mind and Imagination: Pirke deRabbi Eliezer**

**Rabbi Felicia L. Sol**

**7 Tuesdays** (January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22), 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, their creative imagination, and their responses to questions in the Torah. No Hebrew reading necessary. Free of charge; registration required at [www.bj.org](http://www.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).

## Shine Your Light! Write An Article for the *Kol Hadash*

We would love your stories, articles and photos about BJ activities in which you have participated, or reflections on your involvement in the community. We are also going to be profiling BJ members, leadership, and volunteers. You may also choose to write about events like your trip to Israel, your child's bar/bat mitzvah, your experience at the lunch program, or anything else you would like to share. Articles will be subject to editing at the discretion of BJ staff for clarity and space considerations. For more information about process or deadlines, or to share your idea for an article, please contact [communications@bj.org](mailto:communications@bj.org).

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