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**VAYEHI**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Genesis 47:28 - 50:26

**TRIENNIAL** Genesis 47:28 - 48:22

1: 47:28 - 47:31

2: 48:1 - 48:3

3: 48:4 - 48:9

4: 48:10 - 48:13

5: 48:14 - 48:16

6: 48:17 - 48:19

7: 48:20 - 48:22

Maftir: 48:20 - 48:22

**HAFTARAH** I Kings 2:1 - 12

**NEXT WEEK: SHEMOT**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Exodus 1:1 - 6:1

**TRIENNIAL** Exodus 1:1 - 2:35

**HAFTARAH** Isaiah 27:6 - 28:13, 29:22 - 23

**December 17-24, 2010**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17**

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18**

**Shabbat Morning Services**

**Bat Mitzvah**

**Bat Mitzvah**

**Junior Congregation**

**Children's Services**

**Community Kiddush**

**Men's Havurah**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19**

**Morning Minyan**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 20**

**Morning Minyan**

**BJ Hebrew School**

**Limud: Introduction to Judaism**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21**

**Morning Minyan**

**Limud: The Book of Exodus**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22**

**Morning Minyan**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23**

**Morning Minyan**

**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program**

**BJ Hebrew School**

**Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**BJ OFFICE CLOSED**

**Morning Minyan**

**10-17 Tevet, 5771**

**ASARA BETEVET**

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Naomi Shifrin

Allison Boyar

10:30 AM - 86th St. Social Hall

10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

5:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)

9:30 AM - 88th St.

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Closed for Winter Break

7:00 PM - BJ Office

7:30 AM - 88th St.

8:30 AM - 88th St.

7:30 AM - 88th St.

7:30 AM - 88th St.

12:00 PM - 88th St.

Closed for Winter Break

7:00 PM - BJ Office

9:30 AM - 88th St.

**• 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 YENAHM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Bruce Racond and Rachel Balsam and their entire family on the death of Bruce's beloved father, Eugene Racond.

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Allison, Gabriel and Katherine Boyar on Allison becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Naomi, Robin and Jonah Shifrin and Sarah Fendrick on Naomi becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Anne Ziff on the birth of her grandchildren, Zachary Greyson and Annika Hope.

### TODAH RABBAH

• This week's Community Kiddush is co-sponsored by Sarah Fendrick and Robin Shifrin in honor of Naomi becoming a Bat Mitzvah, and by Katie and Gabriel Boyar in honor of Allison becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Bradd Boxman, Megan Usow and Confirmation Class, Congregation Kol Tikvah, Parkland, Florida.
- Sarah Myerowitz and the Australasian Union of Jewish Students group from Hillel, Sydney, Australia.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • 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.

### • A Teaching in Memory of Shira Palmer-Sherman

**Saturday, January 8**, 3:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Please join us for a teaching by Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld in memory of Shira Palmer-Sherman, z"l. Sharon Cohen Anisfeld has been Dean of the Rabbinical School at Hebrew College since 2006. She graduated from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 1990, and subsequently spent 15 years working in pluralistic settings as a Hillel rabbi at Tufts, Yale and Harvard. She has been a summer faculty member for the Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel since 1993.

### • 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](mailto:sguthartz@bj.org) for more information.

### • Update Our Mi Sheberakh List

Every Shabbat, we recite a Mi Sheberakh and pray for the healing of those in our community and in our families who are ill. Twice a year, we will renew the list. Therefore, we kindly ask that you let us know if you or any of your loved ones are still in need of healing so we can update the list and continue to pray for those who need it. Requests can be made to Liz at [erosenblum@bj.org](mailto:erosenblum@bj.org).

### • 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.

### • 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.

## CREATING KEHILLAH

### YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

#### • January Tot Shabbat and Dinner

**Friday, January 7**, 5:30PM, 88th Street: Families will enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed by dinner at 6:00PM in Frankel Hall with Shabbat blessings and songs. Dinner will include delicious choices for adults and children, and vegetarian options will be available; dietary laws observed. While adults are finishing their meal, teen volunteers will engage children in games and songs! Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) by Tuesday, January 4, and contact Kristen Kersey at [kkersey@bj.org](mailto:kkersey@bj.org) with questions or dietary requests.

### TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

#### • Tze'irim Cooking for the Shelter

**Monday, December 27**, 6:00-7:30PM, BJ Kitchen at 88th Street: Come join us as we make dinner at BJ for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. 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 Friday, December 24 to the Tze'irim SA/SJ committee at [volunteers@tzeirim.bj.org](mailto:volunteers@tzeirim.bj.org).

#### • 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.

**HAVUROT**

• **Environmental Havurah Tu Bishvat Seder**

**Thursday, January 20**, 7:00PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.: Join the Shomrei Adamah Environmental Havurah in a Tu Bishvat Seder in a member's home on the Upper East Side. Tu Bishvat is often called the "Jewish Arbor Day" and celebrates the birthday of the trees with a feast of many different kinds of fruits, nuts and wine, of course! All members of BJ are welcome to attend but seating is limited. To reserve your seat, please contact Les Judd at 718-530-5074 or LesJudd@aol.com by January 10.

**EVENTS OF INTEREST**

• **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. 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.

• **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).



89TH STREET COMMUNITY HOME

SPIVAK ARCHITECTS

**A large community shall return here.**  
**(Jeremiah 31:8)**

קהל גדול ישובו הנה

It is with enormous joy and gratitude that we announce a historic milestone for our community. **The Abraham Joshua Heschel School and B'nai Jeshurun have reached an agreement in principle for the sale to the Congregation of The Heschel School building, located at 270 West 89th Street.**

A contract of sale is currently being negotiated between the two institutions. After the sale, the Heschel School will continue to lease space from BJ to house its Lower School, while awaiting completion of a new and beautifully consolidated space on West End Avenue which will become the home for Heschel's entire nursery through 12th Grade program.

Once occupied by B'nai Jeshurun, the 89th Street building will become the central Community House for B'nai Jeshurun, and will enable the Congregation to consolidate all celebratory, educational, ritual and office space on one unified campus.

We are grateful to everyone in this community who gave so generously to the 89th Street capital campaign, and thank you for bringing us one step closer to achieving our dream of returning to our community home.

Sincerely,

**Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon, Rabbi Marcelo R. Bronstein, Rabbi Felicia L. Sol, Hazzan Ari Priven**

## 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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