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**SHEMOT**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Exodus 1:1 - 6:1  
**TRIENNIAL** Exodus 1:1 - 2:35

1: 1:1 - 1:7  
2: 1:8 - 1:12  
3: 1:13 - 1:17  
4: 1:18 - 1:22  
5: 2:1 - 2:10  
6: 2:11 - 2:15  
7: 2:16 - 2:25  
Maftir: 2:23 - 2:25

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

**NEXT WEEK: VAERA**

**MEVARKHIM HAḤODESH**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Exodus 6:2 - 9:35  
**TRIENNIAL** Exodus 6:2 - 7:7

**HAFTARAH** Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

**December 24-31, 2010**

**17-24 Tevet, 5771**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24**

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**Shabbat Morning Services**

9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

**Children's Services**

10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

**Community Kiddush**

Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26**

**Morning Minyan**

9:30 AM – 88th St.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 27**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**BJ Hebrew School**

Closed for Winter Break

**Limud: Introduction to Judaism**

7:00 PM – BJ Office

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**Limud: The Book of Exodus**

8:30 AM – 88th St.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program**

12:00 PM – 88th St.

**BJ Hebrew School**

Closed for Winter Break

**Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a**

7:00 PM – BJ Office

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31**

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

**Morning Minyan**

9:30 AM – 88th St.

**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**

**6 Tuesdays** (January 11, 18, February 1, 8, 15, 22; no class January 25), 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).

• **Looking Toward Shabbat Shira: A Teaching in Memory of Shira Palmer-Sherman Paradox, Poetry, and Prayer: Giving Voice to the Sacred Ambiguities of Our Lives**

**Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld**

**Saturday, January 8**, 3:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: The Exodus story is not a straightforward, linear journey from bondage to liberation. Like the story of our lives, it is a far more complex journey, in which we must hold and embrace many competing realities at once. Through the study of classical and contemporary midrashim, we will explore the spiritual significance of paradox in Judaism, and the role of poetry and prayer in giving expression to the sacred ambiguities of our lives. Sharon Cohen Anisfeld has been Dean of the Rabbinical School at Hebrew College since 2006.

**HISTORIC NEWS**

The Heschel School has accepted our bid to buy the 89th Street building.

The outpouring of support from the community has been tremendous, but we still need everyone's help. Contributions we receive now will help reduce financing costs, and are needed to pay for planning, renovation, and move-in costs. Please help secure BJ's future. 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.

**BJ STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP.**

• **Rosh Ḥodesh Women's Group for Shevat**

**Thursday, January 6**, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Each new month on the Hebrew calendar, we will have an opportunity to study, discuss, celebrate, and pray together on this holiday traditionally associated with women. Contact [erosenblum@bj.org](mailto:erosenblum@bj.org) to be added to the Women's Group email list.

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 extends sincere condolences to Naomi Goldberg Haas and Brian and Noah Kulick and their entire family on the death of Naomi's beloved mother, Bernice Goldberg.

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Rebecca, Alan, Joshua and Lauren Mantel and Jessica Feder on Rebecca becoming a Bat Mitzvah this Shabbat in Israel.
- Michael Simonson and Beth Lief on the engagement of their daughter, Jocelyn Simonson, to Mike Grinthal.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • Mekusharim Premiere: "Yoo-Hoo, Mrs. Goldberg"

**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. Our theme for the year is Our Routes and Roots in New York. The premiere event is a screening of this film, the funny and surprising story of radio/television pioneer Gertrude Berg. An interactive discussion about growing up in different neighborhoods will follow. Contact Sarah Guthartz at [sguthartz@bj.org](mailto:sguthartz@bj.org) for more information.

### • Men's Havurah

**Saturday, January 15, 5:00-7:00PM**, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join Esther Perel in a conversation about "What do men want? Honest men speak about today's masculinity." Recognized as one of the world's most original and insightful voices on erotic intelligence, Esther Perel is the author of the international best-seller *Mating in Captivity, Reconciling the Erotic and Domestic*. Esther's bold new take on sex and intimacy has shaken up traditional thinking and ranked her as a top relationship expert among therapists and lay audiences alike. Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein will host this gathering.

### • 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).

### • 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.

## 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.

### • 4th Grade Families Cooking for the Shelter

**Tuesday, January 11, 5:00-6:30PM**, 88th Street Frankel Hall: 4th graders and their families are invited to cook for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. Every month, a different grade of students prepares a meal for the shelter guests. Together, we cook and set the table while engaging in study about the Jewish value of feeding the hungry. This is a community-wide program; all families of 4th graders may participate. R.S.V.P. to Lori Beth Singer at [maxandbensinger@aol.com](mailto:maxandbensinger@aol.com) by Friday, January 7.

### • Bim Bam Spring Session

**Fridays, January 21-May 20, 9:30-10:15AM or 10:45-11:30AM**, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Bim Bam is a pre-Shabbat class for children ages 3 and under to sing songs, hear stories, make Shabbat blessings, and give tzedakah. Register for the 9:30AM or 10:45AM section at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). The cost is \$175 for members and \$250 for non-members per family (new members can register for free). Contact Kristen Kersey at [kkersey@bj.org](mailto:kkersey@bj.org) with questions. Please note that class will not meet on April 22.

### 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.

### BEKEF: 35+

### • Bekef Tu Bishvat Seder

**Thursday, January 20, 7:00PM**, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us as Bekef hosts a Tu Bishvat Seder with a three-course meal and wine in an intimate setting. Get to know new people and join with your friends as we honor the "birthday of the trees" at this traditional seder. Open to all. \$20 members/\$25 non-members. Register on the BJ website at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

### 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](mailto:LesJudd@aol.com) by January 10.