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<b>TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL</b>	Exodus 10:1 - 13:16
	Exodus 10:1 - 11:3
1:	10:1 - 10:3
2:	10:4 - 10:6
3:	10:7 - 10:11
4:	10:12 - 10:15
5:	10:16 - 10:23
6:	10:24 - 10:29
7:	11:1 - 11:3
Maftir:	11:1 - 11:3
<b>HAFTARAH</b>	Jeremiah 46:13-28

NEXT WEEK: **BESHALAH**

SHABBAT SHIRAH

<b>TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL</b>	Exodus 13:17 - 17:16
	Exodus 13:17 - 15:26
<b>HAFTARAH</b>	Judges 5:1 - 5:31

## January 7-14, 2011

2-9 Shevat, 5771

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

<b>Tot Shabbat and Dinner</b>	5:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
<b>Kabbalat Shabbat Service</b>	6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

<b>Shabbat Morning Services</b>	9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary
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<b>Bar Mitzvah</b>	Daniel Lerner
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<b>Children's Services</b>	10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor
<b>Community Kiddush</b>	Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

<b>Looking Toward Shabbat Shirah: A Teaching in Memory of Shira Palmer-Sherman</b>	3:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.3)
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<b>Community Minḥa Service</b>	4:30 PM – 88th St.
<b>Bar Mitzvah</b>	Maximilian Eckhardt

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

<b>Morning Minyan</b>	9:30 AM – 88th St.
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### MONDAY, JANUARY 10

<b>Morning Minyan</b>	7:30 AM – 88th St.
<b>BJ Hebrew School</b>	4:00-6:00 PM
<b>Limud: Introduction to Judaism</b>	7:00 PM – BJ Office

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

<b>Morning Minyan</b>	7:30 AM – 88th St.
<b>Limud: The Book of Exodus</b>	8:30 AM – 88th St.
<b>Limud: The Rabbinic Mind and Imagination</b>	12:30 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.3)
<b>Mekusharim Premiere: "Yoo Hoo, Mrs. Goldberg"</b>	6:30 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

<b>Morning Minyan</b>	7:30 AM – 88th St.
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### THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

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

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

<b>Morning Minyan</b>	7:30 AM – 88th St.
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**! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK**

• **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service**  
*Sunday, January 16 and Monday, January 17*, various times and locations: Join fellow BJ members in a day of service this Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend. Choose from a variety of volunteer opportunities throughout New York City including visiting with the elderly, helping to organize a food pantry, and neighborhood beautification. A complete list of the volunteer opportunities can be found at [www.bj.org/mlk](http://www.bj.org/mlk). If you have any questions, please contact Ariel at [aschneider@bj.org](mailto:aschneider@bj.org).

## 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.**

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 YENAHĒM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our beloved member Jonathan Dolger and extends sincere condolences to his wife, Jane Isay, his stepsons Dave and Josh Isay and their entire family.

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

- Joyce Gottlieb on the death of her beloved cousin, Harvey Wolfgang.
- Ronald, Marcia and Benjamin Lissak on the death of Ron's beloved stepfather, Joshua Katz.
- Marcia, Ronald and Benjamin Lissak on the death of Marcia's beloved mother, Natalie Rosenfeld Kellner.

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Daniel, Eric, Debbie, Matt and Jeremy Lerner on Daniel becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Maximilian, Thomas, Louisa and Raphaelle Eckhardt and Robin Harper on Max becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Jessica Hammerman and Isaac Peterson on the birth of their daughter, Ruby Anniq.
- Sarah and Nick Zagar on the birth of their son, Lane Aryeh.

### TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush and flowers for the bimah are sponsored by Debbie, Eric, Matt, and Jeremy Lerner in honor of Daniel becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

## 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.

### • Marriage Equality Hevra Meeting

**Tuesday, January 11**, 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).

### • Every Shabbat at Members' Homes—Hakhnasat Or<sup>h</sup>im

**Friday, January 14**, 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 Or<sup>h</sup>im (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 [gafelixbrodt@bj.org](mailto:gafelixbrodt@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!

### • POSTPONED: Men's Havurah

The Men's Havurah gathering with Esther Perel originally scheduled for **Saturday, January 15** at 5:00PM has been **cancelled** and will take place at a future date. Please watch the KJ and [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) for more information about the new date of this event.

### • Did You Meet and/or Get Married at BJ?

Calling all members who met their partner/spouse at BJ and/or got married in the Sanctuary. We plan to honor you with an aliyah and Kiddush in March. 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.

### • 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).

## CREATING KEHILLAH

### YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

#### • 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.

#### • 5th Grade Overnight

**Saturday, January 22–Sunday, January 23**, 5:00PM-9:30AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: If you've ever wondered what BJ looks like in the middle of the night, now's your chance to find out. All 5th graders, regardless of where they receive their Jewish education, are welcome. Parents should stay for a Mitzvah Program and Havdalah, then at 6:30PM it's kids-only for Movie Night. The cost is \$30, and includes dinner, snacks, and breakfast. Register online at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) before Monday, January 17.

#### • Havdalah and Movie Night

**Saturday, January 22**, 6:00-8:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: BJ's third, fourth and fifth graders, plus their parents, are invited to a special Havdalah ceremony, followed by a kids-only movie night where we watch

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Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets with pizza and ice cream! The cost is \$10 per child. R.S.V.P. at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) by January 19. If your child is attending the 5th Grade Overnight, they are registered for this program. Contact Mick Fine at [mfine@bj.org](mailto:mfine@bj.org) with questions.

• **Blessings of a Skinned Knee: Young Families Book Group**

**Thursday, January 27, 7:30PM**, location and conference call-in number given upon sign-up: In *Blessings of a Skinned Knee*, Wendy Mogel shares ideas on how to use Jewish beliefs to raise resilient children. Come share your thoughts! This group is made possible through our partnership with the PJ Library for BJ members with young children. To sign-up and receive your copy, register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). Please note our book supply is limited. Contact Emily Walsh at [ewalsh@bj.org](mailto:ewalsh@bj.org) for more information.

• **B'nai Mitzvah Retreat for 6th and 7th Graders**

**Friday, May 13–Sunday, May 15**, Camp Ramah Nyack: All 6th and 7th graders, regardless of where they receive their Jewish education, won't want to miss this amazing retreat. Students will participate in exciting programs with others in their grade that bring them closer to becoming b'nai mitzvah while building community with each other. Transportation and kosher meals will be provided. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) by April 28; cost is \$225. Discount is \$175 for those who register by April 7.

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

• **Tze'irim Shabbat Dinner, 30s ONLY**

**Friday, January 21**, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join Rabbinic Fellow Jason Fruithandler for a fully catered meal and wine in an intimate setting. A great chance to get together with friends, make new ones and start Shabbat together with beautiful z'mirot led by the BJ musicians. \$23 members; \$28 non-members. To register, visit [www.bj.org](http://www.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.

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

• **Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Shevat: Planting in Prayer**

**Rabbis Felicia L. Sol and Michelle Dardashti**

**Thursday, January 6, 7:00-8:30PM**, 88th Street: Judaism and As we usher in the month of Tu B'shvat, the Birthday of the Trees, join Rabbis Sol and Dardashti in exploring how prayer can be rooted in seasons and moments in time. Please bring a dairy/vegetarian/kosher snack to share.

• **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 Shirah: 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.

• **Know Before Whom You Stand —Teachings on Prayer by the**

**Hassidic Masters, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi**

**Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon**

**6 Tuesdays** (January 18, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1), 6:30-8:00PM, Drisha Institute for Jewish Education (37 West 65th Street, 5th floor): How do we stand in God's Presence? How do we pour out our heart to God? Does God need our prayers? How do we enter the language of prayer? How do we balance fixed prayers and spontaneity? We will explore these and other questions through the study of inspiring teachings in order to help us deepen our own prayer experience. This class is co-sponsored by B'nai Jeshurun and Drisha. Free of charge; registration required at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

• **Comparative Literature: Interfaith Class**

**Co-taught by Dr. Fran Snyder and Dr. Michael Pettinger, faculty at The New School**

**4 Thursdays** (February 3, 10, 17, 24), 7:00-8:30PM, 88th Street: Judaism and Christianity derive their ideas from the same sacred text, the Hebrew Bible, which seems on the face of it to be straightforward and clear. If that's the case, how do the Rabbis of the earliest midrashim come to the conclusion that the Torah preceded Creation, while one of the earliest Church documents insists that Jesus Christ was there before all else? In this course, we will investigate four themes of particular interest to both the Rabbis and the Church Fathers, who were the first composers of Church Bible commentary. These are: the beginning of the universe; theodicy (the attempt to explain the presence of evil in God's world); the sacrifice of the special son; and the fertility of the special mother. Discussions will be based on readings, all in translation, from the early foundational texts of both religions. 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).

## CREATING KEHILLAH *(continued from page 3)*

### 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.

### 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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