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**BESHALAH**

SHABBAT SHIRAH

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Exodus 13:17 - 17:16

**TRIENNIAL** Exodus 13:17 - 15:26

1: 13:17 - 13:22

2: 14:1 - 14:4

3: 14:5 - 14:8

4: 14:9 - 14:14

5: 14:15 - 14:20

6: 14:21 - 14:25

7: 14:26 - 15:26

Maftir: 15:22 - 15:26

**HAFTARAH**

Judges 5:1 - 5:31

NEXT WEEK: **YITRO**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Exodus 18:1 - 20:23

**HAFTARAH** Isaiah 6:1 - 13, 7:1 - 7:6,  
9:5 - 9:6

**January 14-21, 2011**

**9-16 Shevat, 5771**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 14**

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 15**

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

**Bar Mitzvah**

Samuel Phillips

**Bat Mitzvah**

Amelie Ya Deau

**Naming**

Ruby Anniq Peterson

**K/1 Family Shabbat Program**

9:45 AM - 86th St. Parlor

**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**

4:30 PM - 88th St.

**Bat Mitzvah**

Juliet Sloane

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16**

**MLK Day of Service Opportunities** Various times and locations (SEE SIDEBAR)  
**Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM - 88th St.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 17**

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**MLK Day of Service Opportunities**

Various times and locations (SEE SIDEBAR)

**Morning Minyan**

9:30 AM - 88th St.

**BJ Hebrew School**

Closed today

**Limud: Introduction to Judaism**

No class this week

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18**

**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: Know Before Whom You Stand**

6:30 PM - Drisha (SEE P.3)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19**

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88th St.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 20**

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88th St.

**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program**

12:00 PM - 88th St.

**Limud: More Stories of the**

12:30 PM (SEE P.3) (SEE P.3)

**Talmudic Rabbis**

**BJ Hebrew School**

4:00-6:00 PM

**Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a**

7:00 PM - BJ Office

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 21**

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM - 88th St.

**Bim Bam**

9:30 and 10:45 AM - 88th St.

**! 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 Harold Goldman at [hgoldman@bj.org](mailto:hgoldman@bj.org) or 212-787-7600 x248.

**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 David Friedlander and extends sincere condolences to his wife, Edna Golandsky, his children, Amit and Galit Friedlander and their entire family.*

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

- Judy Gitenstein on the death of her beloved uncle, Seymour Gitenstein.
- Duffie Cohen Baum, Simeon, Sabrina and Gabrielle Baum and their entire family on the death of Duffie's beloved mother, Ruth Sonn.

### MAZAL TOV

*To the following members and their families:*

- Amelie and Jaques Ya Deau and Caroline Benveniste on Amelie becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Samuel, Geoffrey, Dalia and Benjamin Phillips, Kim Reisler, and Judy Fisher on Samuel becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Juliet, Elliot, Jack and Charles Sloane and Polly Leider on Juliet becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • 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.

### • Every Shabbat at Members' Homes—Haknusat Orhim

**Friday, January 21**, 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 Haknusat Orhim (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 [gfelixbrodt@bj.org](mailto:gfelixbrodt@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!

### • Loving Israel, Debating Israel: Between Debate, Democracy and Delegitimization

**Sunday, January 30**, 5:00PM, 88th Street: The debate about Israel in the Jewish community has become increasingly polarized and contentious,

- Carmen Keels and Michael Becker on the birth of their daughter, Ella Rose.
- Eric Schneiderman on his inauguration as the Attorney General of New York.

### TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Stan and Cheryl Hammerman in honor of the naming of their granddaughter, Ruby Anniq.
- This week's flowers for the bimah are co-sponsored by the families of Amelie Ya Deau and Samuel Phillips in honor of their becoming B'nai Mitzvah.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Ezra Weinberg, former MTM Fellow, and the Derekh Torah class from the 92nd Street Y.
- Rabbi Shira Joseph, Cantor Steven Weiss, and the Jewish Heritage tour, Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, Hingham, Massachusetts.
- Lori Daitch and 8th Grade Class, The Santa Monica Synagogue, Santa Monica, California.

with acrimonious exchanges about many key issues. "Ahavat Israel" (the love of Israel) is a cornerstone of BJ's mission but as a large, pluralistic community we too struggle with these difficult questions. Join panelists Daniel Sokatch, CEO of the New Israel Fund, Rebecca Vilkomerson, Executive Director of Jewish Voice for Peace, Matthew Ackerman, Middle East Analyst, The David Project, and moderator J.J. Goldberg, The Forward for a real dialogue on these issues, with diverse perspectives in a civil and respectful exchange.

### • 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 at a Shabbat service 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.

### • Memorial for Debbie Friedman

A memorial for legendary Jewish songwriter and performer Debbie Friedman will take place on **Thursday, January 27**, 7:30PM, at Central Synagogue, 123 East 55th Street.

## CREATING KEHILLAH

### SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

#### • Needed: Two New Literacy Tutors

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? We need new tutors to work at The BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership program on Thursdays for the remainder of the school year. We work with young public school students from 1st-4th grade on a weekly basis. This is an opportunity to work one-on-one with a student and be part of a supportive and friendly community. Contact Ariel at x229 or [aschneider@bj.org](mailto:aschneider@bj.org) to learn more.

#### • Community Cafés: Talking, Listening, Envisioning Change

**Pick a date: Monday, February 28**, 6:15-8:30PM **OR Sunday, March 6**, 4:30-6:45PM **OR Tuesday, March 29**, 6:15-8:30PM, all at 88th Street: Join us at one of three Community Cafés, where we will break bread, have warm soup, and share interesting conversations about the issues that affect us

as concerned New Yorkers. It is 2011 and our city has changed since our last round of community conversations. Panim el Panim needs to hear from you, our fellow BJ members. Your input will guide the direction of BJ's social justice efforts. Help us create a kehillah kedoshah, a sacred community, within our congregation as well as within our city and state. Register at [www.bj.org/communitycafes](http://www.bj.org/communitycafes).

### YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

#### • 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

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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 “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.

• **3rd and 4th Grade Class Dinner**

**Friday, January 28**, 5:15–6:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join classmates and friends new and old at a Shabbat dinner for third and fourth graders, no matter where they receive their Jewish education. Please join us for dinner in Frankel Hall at 5:15PM (dietary laws observed), followed by Kabbalat Shabbat services in the sanctuary beginning at 6:30PM. R.S.V.P. at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) and contact Kristen at [kkersey@bj.org](mailto:kkersey@bj.org) with any questions or dietary concerns.

• **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.

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**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** (remaining classes January 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).

• **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; no class January 25), 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).

• **More Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis**

**Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon**

**7 Thursdays** (January 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3), 12:30–1:30PM, Midtown location TBA, Lunch and Learn (please bring your own lunch): How do we stand in God’s Presence? We will study 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. Registration required at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

• **BJ Israel Salons**

**Rabbi Marcelo R. Bronstein**

**Tuesdays, February 1 and 8**, 7:00–9:00PM, Upper West Side location: Marcelo will again facilitate Beit Midrash Salons. All the salons will be dedicated to Israel. 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. Each Salon is a 2-session series. February salons are targeted to parents involved with Youth and Family Education. Limited space is available. Location provided upon R.S.V.P. to [ngoodhart@bj.org](mailto:ngoodhart@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)

• **"Building on the Dream" in Brooklyn**

**Sunday, January 16, 9:30AM-3:30PM**, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn: Join Tze'irim and Habitat for Humanity on MLK weekend to paint the community center and resident association office of Lafayette Gardens in Bed-Stuy, Brooklyn. We will work from 9:30AM to 1:00PM at P.S. 54 and then break for lunch and a special program in the afternoon. If you're interested in volunteering, R.S.V.P. to Or Lauderly Pondak at [volunteers@tzeirim.bj.org](mailto:volunteers@tzeirim.bj.org). Space is limited, so sign up now.

**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. **Thank you to all those who registered. We are currently full. Please look out for future Tze'irim sporting events.**

## EVENTS OF INTEREST

• **A Cappella Concert: Avir Premieres at BJ**

**Saturday, January 22, 8:00PM**, 88th Street: A cappella is sweeping the nation. From shows like "Glee" to "The Sing Off," a cappella music is more popular than ever. Come hear the local UWS group, Avir, perform Jewish a cappella music at its finest. This is Avir's premiere debut at BJ, and you can hear our very own Membership Associate Jon Wood sing bass. Tickets: \$10 at the door.

**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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