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MISHPATIM

MEVARKHIM HAHODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 21:1 - 24:18

TRIENNIAL Exodus 21:1 - 22:23

1: 21:1 - 21:6

2: 21:7 - 21:11

3: 21:12 - 21:19

4: 21:20 - 21:27

5: 21:28 - 21:32

6: 21:33 - 21:36

7: 21:37 - 22:3

Maftir: 21:37 - 22:3

HAFTARAH

Jeremiah 34:8 - 22, 33:25 - 26

NEXT WEEK: **TERUMAH**

ROSH HODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 25:1 - 27:19

TRIENNIAL Exodus 25:1 - 25:40

HAFTARAH Isaiah 66:1 - 24, 23

January 28-February 4, 2011

23-30 Shevat, 5771

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Gimmel and Dalet Grade Class Dinner

Following Services - 88th St. Frankel Hall

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah

Adam Wagman

K-2 Shabbat Family Program

9:45 AM - 86th St. Parlor (SEE P.2)

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St.

Loving Israel, Debating Israel

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

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, FEBRUARY 1

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)

Limud: BJ Israel Salon

7:00 PM (SEE P.3)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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)

Talmudic Rabbis

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a

7:00 PM - BJ Office

Limud: Comparative Literature

7:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

Interfaith Class

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Bim Bam

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

ROSH HODESH ADAR I



**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE
OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK**

• 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 to learn more.

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 or contact Harold Goldman at hgoldman@bj.org or 212-787-7600 x248.

BJ STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP.

To register for classes and events, please visit 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 Pearl Meyer, and extends sincere condolences to her entire family.

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

- Sarah Durham, Craig, Abigail and Kate Winer and their entire family on the death of Sarah's beloved mother, Magi Durham Ziff.
- Nilva, Steve, Isaiah, Alexander and Micah Dicker on the death of Nilva's beloved brother, Luis Torres.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Adam, James and Tess Wagman and Anne Landsman on Adam becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by James Wagman and Anne Landsman in honor of Adam becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Naomi Chazan, President of the New Israel Fund and former Deputy Speaker of Knesset.
- Minyan Katan from Temple Emunah, Lexington, Massachusetts.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• 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, 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.

• Marriage Equality Hevra Meeting

Tuesday, February 8, 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 or Lisa at lsafier@yahoo.com.

• Helen Radin Memorial Zayin Adar Teaching: "Those Left Behind"

Thursday, February 10, 7:00-8:30PM, 88th Street: Join us at the fourth annual teaching in memory of our beloved Helen Radin, z"l, sponsored by the Hevra Kadisha and Interfaith Committees. As a section of the interfaith course, Dr. Fran Snyder and Dr. Michael Pettinger, faculty at The New School, discuss both Jewish and Christian texts that illustrate how perplexing death can be. How do we honor the dead? What is our relationship to them? Do they continue to walk among us?

• Men's Havurah

Saturday, February 12, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us for a presentation of the film "My Brother" by Israeli filmmaker Yulie Cohen. Our discussion will focus on Religious vs. Secular life in Israel. In this film, Cohen attempts to reconcile with her estranged brother 25 years after the family was torn apart when he became an ultra-Orthodox Jew. Yulie turns the gaze of the camera inward and focuses primarily on her own perspective as she tells her story and that of her family. Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein will host this gathering.

• BJ Mastermind Group Meeting

Monday, February 14, 6:30PM, Upper West Side member's home (location given upon R.S.V.P.): The BJ Mastermind Group is for members of BJ who own a business. At each meeting, we discuss and offer advice to each other about our business successes, challenges and goals for the next 30 days. We are planning a networking event in the spring. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Les Judd at 718-530-5074 or les@greencitychallenge.org.

• 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 as soon as possible.

• Do You Love To Cook?

Join our new hevra to cook Shabbat meals for new families. We will meet at the BJ kitchen on Thursday evenings following the birth or adoption of a new baby. Make new friends and learn new recipes while providing new parents with a chance to relax and enjoy Shabbat. To volunteer or for more information please contact Carol at cgandpoppy3@hotmail.com.

CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• 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.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• K-2 Shabbat Family Program

Saturday, January 29, 9:45-10:45AM, 86th Street Parlor: This program allows families to come together and meet other families while engaging in educational activities. Parents will learn with other parents, led by BJ's educators, while students and teachers interact. Families then attend Children's Services, followed by participation in Minyan Bet (for children ages 4-6), or Junior Congregation (grades 2-6). Other activities include family projects, learning, eating and lots more. Contact Kristen Kersey for more information.

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• **3rd Grade Families Cooking for the Shelter**

Tuesday, February 1, 5:00-6:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: 3rd 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 3rd graders may participate. R.S.V.P. to Ellen Bender at ellensam@aol.com by Sunday, January 30.

• **February Tot Shabbat and Dinner**

Friday, February 4, 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 by Tuesday, February 1, and contact Kristen Kersey at kkersey@bj.org with questions or dietary requests.

• **Adoptive Parents Group**

Monday, February 7, 8:00-9:30PM, 88th Street: The Parenting with Wisdom Group for Jewish adoptive parents and parents-to be is accepting new members. Our monthly adoptive parenting group is open to Jewish families, including couples, singles, unaffiliated, and interfaith families. Join us for a lively discussion, coffee, and tea, and share and explore the joys and challenges of creating and living as an adoptive family in the Jewish community. A \$5 donation is requested. Please contact Rebecca Pollack at pollackr@jccany.org for more information.

• **Teen Babysitting List**

Attention BJ parents: if you are looking for babysitters in the area, the Youth and Family Department has compiled a list of teens from the community who are looking for work. All of our sitters are fourteen years old or older with varying degrees of experience. If you are interested in this list, please contact Kristen Kersey at kkersey@bj.org.

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UPCOMING LIMUD Please visit www.bj.org for more information and to register.

• **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.

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

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

6 Tuesdays (remaining classes 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.

• **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 (remaining classes 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.

• **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.

• **More Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis**

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

7 Thursdays (remaining classes 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.

• **Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Adar I:**

Unmasking the Women in our Midst

Rabbis Felicia L. Sol and Michelle Dardashti

Saturday, February 5, following Shabbat morning services, 86th Street: Join us as we welcome a group of Muslim women from The American Society for Muslim Advancement (ASMA) for study, conversation and Shabbat lunch as we explore texts from both of our traditions as well as come to know one another. We will be hosting our guests with a dairy potluck lunch. Please bring a dairy/vegetarian/kosher appetizer, main dish or dessert to share. Registration required at www.bj.org. When registering, please confirm what dish you will bring.

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. 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. 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/. If you are interested in receiving a weekly minyan email, please contact Ari Priven at apriven@bj.org.

BEKEF: 35+

• **Bekef Singles Shabbat Dinner**

Friday, February 11, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us for a singles only Bekef Shabbat Dinner! Meet new people and enjoy a three-course kosher dinner with wine in an intimate setting. A great way to start Shabbat and be together as a community. \$33 members/ \$43 non-members; Register at the BJ website, www.bj.org.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• **Hebrew Free Loan Society**

Shabbat Mishpatim has long been associated with the traditional Jewish communal institution known as the G'mach, or free loan society. In the parasha God says to Moses: "If you lend money to My people, to the poor among you, do not act toward them as a creditor: exact no interest from them." (Ex. 22:24) Jewish tradition, most famously articulated by Maimonides, understands interest-free lending that helps a person achieve self-sufficiency as the highest form of charity. New York's Hebrew Free Loan Society, a UJA-Federation of NY affiliate agency founded in 1892, is the largest G'mach in the United States, and focuses on making loans to persons in economically vulnerable communities such as Russian-speaking immigrants and large families of modest means. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.hfls.org. Please contact BJ members and HFLS Board members David Karnovsky, davidkarno@aol.com, and Mark Gerstein, mark_gerstein@yahoo.com, with any questions.

• **Words to Live By: The Writings of Aryeh Kaplan**

Sunday, January 30, 10:00AM-5:00PM, JCC in Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam at 76th Street: The 7th Annual Day of Kabbalah will focus on Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan's extraordinary writings on Jewish mysticism, meditation and Jewish practice. World-class teachers include Rabbis Dov Ber Pinson, Chaim Kramer, Pinchas Stolper, Avraham Sutton and Naftali Citron. No prior knowledge or specific religious affiliation necessary. Q&A and social time to schmooze will be part of the itinerary. For information, visit jcc-manhattan.org/makom or call 646.505.5708. Co-sponsored by the Carlebach Shul, The Jewish Week, Limmud NY, NCSY and JInsider.

• **The ReelAbilities: NY Disability Film Festival**

Thursday, February 3–Tuesday, February 8, various locations: The NY Disability Film Festival is dedicated to promoting the awareness and appreciation of the lives, stories and artistic expressions of people with different abilities. Discussions and other programs will bring together the community to explore, discuss and celebrate the diversity of our shared human experience. Presented by the JCC in Manhattan, ReelAbilities will feature 11 films in 20 venues, receptions, special programs (performing arts, live music and more), and panel discussions with guest filmmakers, full details at www.reelabilities.org.

• **Traveling in Time: Family Stories**

Sunday, February 6, 10:00AM, Skirball Center, 1 East 65th Street: Please join BJ member Peninnah Schram in using biblical texts of journeys and family relationships as springboards. Participate in a workshop interweaving various themes into your own personal and family stories. Use your imagination to search out connected stories so that we may actively recall, retrieve, and retell the tales that influence and shape us as individuals and as Jews. For information and registration, visit www.adultjewishlearning.org.

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