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TERUMAH

ROSH HODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 25:1 - 27:19

TRIENNIAL Exodus 25:1 - 25:40

1: 25:1 - 25:5

2: 25:6 - 25:9

3: 25:10 - 25:16

4: 25:17 - 25:22

5: 25:23 - 25:30

6: 25:31 - 25:33

7: 25:34 - 25:40

Maftir: Numbers 28:09 - 28:15

HAFTARAH

Isaiah 66:1 - 24, 23

NEXT WEEK: TETZAVEH

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 27:20 - 30:10

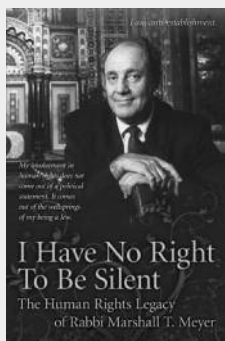
TRIENNIAL Exodus 27:20 - 28:30

HAFTARAH Ezekiel 43:10 - 27

• Traveling Exhibit: I Have No Right To Be Silent—Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer

Friday, February 4–Sunday, February 27, daily for 45 minutes after morning services; for 45 minutes after Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat services; for 45 minutes before classes, 88th Street Sanctuary: We are proud to host a traveling exhibit that commemorates the social activism and human rights work of Rabbi Marshall Meyer, who led BJ's resurgence from 1985 until his death in 1993. An ordinary man whose extraordinary convictions, faith, and impetuous personality impelled him to become one of the most important human rights activists during Argentina's Dirty War (1976-1983), Rabbi Meyer articulated why we are all responsible for speaking out against

injustice. The exhibit draws on the Marshall T. Meyer papers including intimate family photos, moving letters from prisoners, internal government memos, and rare human rights publications.



February 4–11, 2011

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

**Tot Shabbat and Dinner
Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Shabbat Morning Services

Bar Mitzvah

Bat Mitzvah

**6th Grade Family Program
K & 1st Grade Alternative Shabbat Program
Junior Congregation
Children's Services
Community Kiddush
Limud: Rosh Hodesh Women's Group**

Minḥa Service

Bat Mitzvah

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Morning Minyan

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Morning Minyan

BJ Hebrew School

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Morning Minyan

Limud: The Book of Exodus

Limud: The Rabbinic Mind and Imagination

Limud: Know Before Whom You Stand

Limud: BJ Israel Salon

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Morning Minyan

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Morning Minyan

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

Limud: More Stories of the

Talmudic Rabbis

BJ Hebrew School

Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a

Limud: Comparative Literature

Interfaith Class

Helen Radin Memorial Zayin Adar Teaching

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Morning Minyan

Bim Bam

30 Shevat–7 Adar I, 5771

ROSH HODESH ADAR I

5:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

ROSH HODESH ADAR I

9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

Robert Yassky

Julia Tecotzky

9:30 AM – 86th St. Chapel

9:45 AM – 86th St. Parlor

10:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall

10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

Following Services – 86th St. Parlor

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5:00 PM – 88th St.

Maxine Stern

9:30 AM – 88th St.

7:30 AM – 88th St.

4:00-6:00 PM

7:00 PM – BJ Office

7:30 AM – 88th St.

8:30 AM – 88th St.

12:30 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.3)

6:30 PM – Drisha (SEE P.3)

7:00 PM

7:30 AM – 88th St.

7:30 AM – 88th St.

12:00 PM – 88th St.

12:30 PM (SEE P.3)

4:00-6:00 PM

7:00 PM – BJ Office

7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)

7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

7:30 AM – 88th St.

9:30 and 10:45 AM – 88th St.

To register for classes and events, please visit www.bj.org.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Gene and Ilene Nadel on the death of Gene's beloved sister, Harriet Weinberg.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Julia, Mark, Sam, Sandy and Alice Tecotzky and Nina Jaroslaw on Julia becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Robert, Marc, Joyce, Michael and David Yassky on Robert becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Men's Havurah: Special Session Open to Both Men and Women Saturday, February 12, 6:00-8:00PM, 86th Street Social Hall

(NOTE NEW TIME AND PLACE): Join us for a presentation of the film "My Brother" by the filmmaker Yulie Cohen. 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. Open to both men and women. Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein will host this event.

• 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?

• 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.

- Maxine, Emanuel, Elizabeth, Josephine and Eliana Stern on Maxine becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Sofia Hubscher and Adam Wallach on the birth of their daughters, Rina Susanna and Margalit Carly.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is co-sponsored by Joyce and Marc Yassky in honor of Robert becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and by Nina Jaroslaw and Mark Tecotzky in honor of Julia becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

• **The Gift of Grief—A Paradoxical Journey Toward Our Light Within**
Tuesday, April 5, 7:30-9:00PM, 88th Street: Please join us for the annual Bikkur Holim Teaching with Rabbi Matthew Gewirtz. Rabbi Gewirtz is a regular contributor to numerous professional publications, including the *CCAR Journal* and *The American Rabbi*. He is the author of *The Gift of Grief: Finding Peace, Transformation and Renewed Life after Great Sorrow*. He began his tenure as the Senior Rabbi of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, Short Hills, NJ in July 2006. Previously he served as Senior Associate Rabbi of Congregation Rodeph Shalom.

• Aliyah and Kiddush to Honor BJ Volunteers

Saturday, April 9, during Shabbat morning services, 86th Street: The BJ community thrives on the activity and support of over one thousand volunteers. Volunteers personify one of the three pillars upon which BJ was built and demonstrate commitment to serving our community through many meaningful initiatives. We invite you to join together for the honor of being called to the Torah for an aliyah during services, with a special Kiddush in your honor at the 88th Street Sanctuary immediately following. R.S.V.P. to Belinda Lasky at blasky@bj.org or 212-787-7600 x224 by April 1.

• 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.

Save The Date: 2011 Women's Retreat

Friday, May 20–Sunday, May 22

Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center

Registration opens on February 15

CREATING KEHILLAH

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• 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 com-

munity. 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

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or older with varying degrees of experience. If you are interested in this list, please contact Kristen Kersey at kkersey@bj.org.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Tze'irim Cooks for the Shelter**

Monday, February 28, 6:00-7:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join Tze'irim as they prepare dinner for the guests of the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. We'll meet at 6:00PM, downstairs in the BJ kitchen (88th Street between Broadway and West End Ave). 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, February 25 to the Tze'irim SASJ committee at volunteers@tzeirim.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

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

Through 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.

• **Justice and Jewish Thought**

Justice and Jewish Thought is a city-wide study program comprised of multiple small groups meetings across the city over the course of eight weeks. The groups engage with a challenging curriculum that explores how various oppressions—such as race, class, and gender—intersect with and affect our identities as Jews. The course presents a unique opportunity to build community while sharpening your analysis related to social change. For more information and to sign-up by February 6, visit www.pursueaction.org.

• **Become a Home Plate Host Family**

Home Plate is a program of Columbia/Barnard Hillel that matches New York-based host families with Hillel students for home cooked meals, conversation, and so much more! We are currently looking for Jewish families in the the New York City area who would be willing host a student, or perhaps a few students, in the host family's home a couple of times throughout the Spring 2011 semester for a meal. For more information, contact Erik Shive, Columbia/Barnard Hillel Social Work Intern at eds2143@columbia.edu or 858-735-3548.

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

• **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.

• **The Rabbinic Mind and Imagination: Pirke deRabbi Eliezer**
Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

6 Tuesdays (remaining classes February 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 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 inspir-

ing 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 (remaining classes February 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 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.

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.

Excerpts from *Man's Quest for God*, by Abraham Joshua Heschel

About a hundred years ago, Rabbi Isaac Meir Alter of Ger pondered over the question of what a certain shoemaker of his acquaintance should do about his morning prayer. His customers were poor men who owned only one pair of shoes. The shoemaker used to pick up their shoes at a late evening hour, work on them all night and part of the morning, in order to deliver them before their owners had to go to work. When should the shoemaker say his morning prayer? Should he pray quickly the first thing in the morning, and then go back to work? Or should he let the appointed hour of prayer go by and, every once in a while, raising his hammer from the shoes, utter a sigh: "Woe unto me, I haven't prayed yet!"? Perhaps that sigh is worth more than prayer itself.

We, too, face this dilemma of wholehearted regret or perfunctory fulfillment. Many of us regretfully refrain from habitual prayer, waiting for an urge that is complete, sudden, and unexampled. But the unexampled is scarce, and perpetual refraining can easily grow into a habit. We may even come to forget what to regret, what to miss.

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