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**TETZAVEH**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Exodus 27:20 - 30:10

**TRIENNIAL** Exodus 27:20 - 28:30

1: 27:20 - 28:5

2: 28:6 - 28:9

3: 28:10 - 28:12

4: 28:13 - 28:17

5: 28:18 - 28:21

6: 28:22 - 28:25

7: 28:26 - 28:30

Maftir: 28:28 - 28:30

**HAFTARAH** Ezekiel 43:10 - 27

**NEXT WEEK: KI TISA**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Exodus 30:11 - 34:35

**TRIENNIAL** Exodus 30:11 - 31:17

**HAFTARAH** I Kings 18:20 - 39

• **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.

**February 11-18, 2011**

**7 Adar I-14 Adar I, 5771**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

**Bekef Singles Shabbat Dinner**

Following Service - 88th St. Frankel Hall

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

**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

**Community Minḥa Service**

5:15 PM - 88th St.

**Bar Mitzvah**

Noah Butcher

**Men's Havurah**

6:00 PM - 86th St. Social Hall

(SEE SIDEBAR)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

**Morning Minyan**

9:30 AM - 88th St.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

**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 15**

**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, FEBRUARY 16**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 88th St.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

**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 18**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 88th St.

**Bim Bam**

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

To register for classes and events, please visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HA-MAKOM YENAHEM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our beloved member Alan Slifka and extends sincere condolences to his wife, Riva, to his son David and his daughter-in-law Michele, to his entire family and to all his loved ones.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Daniel Anker, Donna Santman, Adi and Eliza Anker and their entire family on the death of Daniel's beloved father, Jerry Anker.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • 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.

### • 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.

### • Community Second Night Pesah Seder

**Tuesday, April 19, 6:00-10:00PM**, 88th Street Frankel Hall: For the fourth year, Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein will be leading the Community Second Night Pesah Seder. This event is for members only. Reservations will be honored strictly on a first-come, first-served basis. Download the registration form from the BJ website, [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org), and mail your check to Naomi Goodhart, B'nai Jeshurun, 2109 Broadway, #203, New York, NY 10023. Please reserve early.

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

Calling all members who met their partners/spouse at BJ and/or got married in the Sanctuary. We plan to honor you at a Shabbat service this spring. 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.

### • Do You Love To Cook?

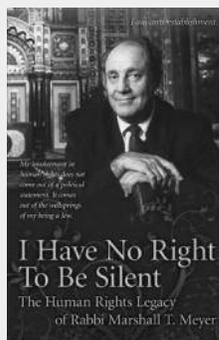
Join our new *hevra* to cook Shabbat meals for new families. We will meet at the BJ kitchen on Thursday evenings following the birth or adoption of a new baby. Make new friends and learn new recipes while providing new parents with a chance to relax and enjoy Shabbat. To volunteer or for more information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

### MAZAL TOV

- Noah, Matthew, and Hannah Butcher and Rebecca Posner on Noah becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Robin Tunick on the marriage of her daughter, Rebecca Tunick, to Daniel Gottlieb.

### • 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.

### • Donate Your Photos of BJ

We are looking for photos of BJ people and events to add to the BJ archive. If you have one or more to contribute, especially of the period between 1985-1995, please contact Denise Waxman at [dwxman@bj.org](mailto:dwxman@bj.org) to find out about the information we want for each photo (date, photographer, etc.) and how to submit them.

### • BJ Communications Appeal for Design Software

Our plans are exceeding the capability of our tools. Do you own a recent version of Adobe® Creative Suite (Design Basic or similar)? Are you willing to donate it (transfer the license) to BJ for use in the office? If so, it is our design to connect with you. Please contact Denise Waxman at [dwxman@bj.org](mailto:dwxman@bj.org).

**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

#### • BJHS Scrapbooking Project

**Thursday, February 17, 5:00-6:00PM, 88th Street:** Do you scrapbook or would you like to learn? We would like to create a BJHS scrapbook and are looking for a group of motivated, seasoned scrapbookers and those that wish to learn. We hope to include photographs from activities throughout the years, articles from the monthly Kol Hadash, and a contribution from the Hebrew School classes. We will also solicit quotes, letters, poems, songs, holiday recipes and more from the BJHS community at large. Contact Galit Bordereau with questions at galit.lb@gmail.com.

### 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](http://www.bj.org).

### EVENTS OF INTEREST

#### • 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 New York City area who would be willing to 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.

#### • Bridge of Hope Information Sessions for Host Families

**Sunday, February 27 and Friday, March 4, Long Island, NY, and Sunday, Sunday, February 13, Mid-Hudson, NY:** Bridge of Hope is now recruiting NY host families for our summer 2011 program. Russian and Ukrainian children, ages 6-12, will participate. For the first time, Chinese adoption authorities have agreed to send children, ages 6-9, from Chinese orphanages. Children will visit U.S. families for summer camp and home stays of about three weeks in July and August. Hosts must meet program and country requirements, and have a current, completed home study by June 15. These information sessions are for prospective host families who would like to learn more about our program and our children. For more information, please contact Bridge of Hope Director Patrice Gancie at [pgancie@cradlehope.org](mailto:pgancie@cradlehope.org).

### 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 February 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](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** (remaining classes February 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** (remaining classes February 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).

#### • More Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis

##### Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

**7 Thursdays** (remaining classes February 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, March 1 and 8, 7:00-9:00PM, Upper East Side location:** Marcelo will again facilitate Beit Midrash Salons, all 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. March Salons are targeted to long-time members who joined before 1990. Location provided upon R.S.V.P. to [ngoodhart@bj.org](mailto:ngoodhart@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).

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

We do not refuse to pray. We merely feel that our tongues are tied, our minds inert, our inner vision dim, when we are about to enter the door that leads to prayer. We do not refuse to pray; we abstain from it. We ring the hollow bell of selfishness rather than absorb the stillness that surrounds the world, hovering over all the restlessness and fear of life—the secret stillness that precedes our birth and succeeds our death. Futile self-indulgence brings us out of tune with the gentle song of nature's waiting, of mankind's striving for salvation. Is not listening to the pulse of wonder worth silence and abstinence from self-assertion? Why do we not set apart an hour of living for devotion to God by surrendering to stillness? We dwell on the edge of mystery and ignore it, wasting our souls, risking our stake in God. We constantly pour our inner light away from Him, setting up the thick screen of self between Him and us, adding more shadows to the darkness that already hovers between Him and our wayward reason. Accepting surmises as dogmas, and prejudices as solutions, we ridicule the evidence of life for what is more than life. Our mind has ceased to be sensitive to the wonder. Deprived of the power of devotion to what is more important than our individual fate, steeped in passionate anxiety to survive, we lose sight of what fate is, of what living is. Rushing through the ecstasies of ambition, we only awake when plunged into dread or grief. In darkness, then, we grope for solace, for meaning, for prayer.

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