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VAYERA

TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL	Genesis 18:1 - 22:24
	Genesis 19:1 - 20:18
1:	19:1 - 19:11
2:	19:12 - 19:20
3:	19:21 - 19:29
4:	19:30 - 19:38
5:	20:1 - 20:8
6:	20:9 - 20:14
7:	20:15 - 20:18
Maftir:	20:15 - 20:18
HAFTARAH	II Kings 4:1 - 23

NEXT WEEK: HAYEI SARAH

TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL	Genesis 23:1 - 25:18
HAFTARAH	Genesis 24:10 - 24:52
	I Kings 1:1 - 31

November 11-18, 2011

14-21 Heshvan, 5772

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Gan, Aleph & Bet Class Shabbat Dinner	5:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary
Bat Mitzvah	Rachel Fischer
Bar Mitzvah	Jonathan Weiss
Children's Services	10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor
Community Kiddush	Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

Community Minḥa Service
Bar Mitzvah

4:30 PM – 88th St.
Joshua Adamson

Havdalah and Chanting
With Rabbi Shefa Gold

6:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88th St.
Mekusharim Book Swap	9:30 AM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)
Interfaith Poetry Feast	5:00 PM – 86th St. (SEE P.2)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
BJ Hebrew School	4:00-6:00 PM
Twining Event With Muslim	7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)
and Jewish Women: Finding Women's Voices	
Limud: Introduction to Judaism	7:00 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.3)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Limud: The Books of Torah	8:30 AM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)
Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a	12:30 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.3)
Through the Eyes of the Slonimer Rebbe	
Limud: Contemplative Practice Class	7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
4th Grade B'nai Mitzvah	7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)
Parent Orientation Meeting	

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program	12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
BJ Hebrew School	4:00-6:00 PM
Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a	7:00 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.3)
How To Bring Your A-Game	7:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
To the Dating Game	(SEE P.3)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Reach for Shabbat Hebrew School Retreat	
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Bim Bam	9:30 and 10:45 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

• Help a Child Learn to Read!

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? At the BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership program at P.S. 125, where over 50% of students are reading below grade level, we work with children from 1st-4th grade on a weekly basis (Tuesday and Thursday mornings). Volunteers work one-on-one with a student to share joy in reading, to help them improve their comprehension and inferential thinking, and most important to be a steady adult role model. You can really make a difference here. No prior training required. Contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org to learn more over coffee.

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 YENAHEM

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

- Janet, Gilbert and Henry Spitzer on the death of Janet's mother, Evelyn Glaser.
- Jennifer Peck and Gabriel Barnett on the death of Jennifer's mother, Barbara Peck.
- Amy and Albert Schindler on the death of Amy's mother, Shirley Kalb.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Jonathan, Fred, and Daniel Weiss and Shanta Matabeek Weiss on Jonathan's becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Rachel and Herbert Fischer and Rabbi Karen Sussan on Rachel's becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Joshua, Allen, Madelyn, and Elissa Adamson on Joshua's becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Sandy and Doug Davidson on the marriage of their daughter, Julia, to Jared Miller.
- Rabbi Stephen Roberts for editing the recently-published *Professional Spiritual and Pastoral Care: A Practical Clergy and Chaplain's Handbook*.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is co-sponsored by Fred Weiss and Shanta Matabeek Weiss in honor of Jonathan becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and by Rabbi Karen Sussan, Herb Fischer, Toby Sussan, and Alvin and Thelma Fischer in honor of their daughter and granddaughter, Rachel, becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Steven Heller, Rabbi Alexander Davis, and synagogue members, Beth El Synagogue, St. Louis Park, Minnesota.
- Teri Hochberg and Confirmation Class, Park Synagogue, Pepper Pike, Ohio.
- Elizabeth Foster and Confirmation Class, The Temple, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Meirav Yaaran and Leadership Development Group, Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas, Dallas, Texas.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Havdalah and Chanting with Rabbi Shefa Gold

Saturday, November 12, 6:00-8:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join BJ and Romemu as we host Rabbi Shefa Gold for a havdalah service with chanting, the repetition of a sacred phrase. Rabbi Gold is a leader in Aleph: Alliance for Jewish Renewal, and received her ordination from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. Shefa's spirituality is grounded in Judaism and other religious traditions, making her uniquely qualified as a spiritual leader. Admission: \$10. To register please visit the Romemu website at www.romemu.org.

• Mekusharim: Book Swap

Sunday, November 13, 9:30-11:30AM, 88th Street Sanctuary: No need to judge a book by its cover again, or overpay for one. Instead, how about getting a book or two for free and recommended by like-minded readers. Join your fellow Mekusharim friends for morning minyan, a book swap and light refreshments. Bring two gently used books you loved to read, but no more. And no textbooks, please. When you arrive, we'll help you exchange for the same number of books you brought.

• Second Annual Global Day of Jewish Learning

Sunday, November 13, 1:00-5:30PM, Mechon Hadar, 190 Amsterdam Avenue (at 69th Street): Join Jews from hundreds of communities in 48 countries and six continents in a day of Torah study that unites Jewish communities around the globe to celebrate our foundational Jewish texts through community based learning. Teachers representing almost 30 institutions throughout New York City will be participating, including BJ Rabbinic Fellow Adam Roffman. More details including full descriptions of sessions and presenter bios can be found at www.mechonhadar.org. This event is co-sponsored by B'nai Jeshurun.

• Interfaith Poetry Feast

Sunday, November 13, 5:00-7:30PM, 86th Street Social Hall: Join us as we gather with Christians and Muslims to enjoy poetry from our different traditions over a vegetarian potluck dinner. R.S.V.P. to poetryfeast@earthlink.net (preferred) or the Interfaith Committee at x379. State the names of all guests and whether you are BJ members, the ages of any children, and your phone number. There is no charge. Registration is not complete until you receive a confirmation.

• Twinning Event with Muslim and Jewish Women: Finding Women's Voices

Monday, November 14, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join Jewish and Muslim women from the greater metropolitan area for an evening of connection, study and sharing. Explore the challenges of finding women's voices in our traditions as well as how we've found them. Please bring a dairy/vegetarian/kosher snack to share.

• The Soul of America: Men's Havurah—Open to All

Saturday, November 19, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: A series of talks on The Soul of America and The Soul of Israel begins with a conversation with Representative Jerry Nadler, "The Soul of America: Occupying Wall Street—What's Happening in our Country." In a time of economic crisis and rampant dissatisfaction with government, lack of progress on countless issues including the gap between rich and poor and unemployment, and an election in the coming year, we need to ask: What are the key issues? How do we imagine progress and a recapturing of the American Dream? Come for schnapps, discussion and meaningful conversation. Hosted by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein. No registration needed.

• BJ Business Owners Networking Event

Monday, November 21, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Do you own a business? Are you looking to network with other business owners at BJ? This event is for you! BJ members pay only \$5 at the door. Non-members pay \$15. Light refreshments and wine tasting included! Doors open at 6:30PM. R.S.V.P. to Les Judd at 718-530-5074 or lesjudd@aol.com.

• Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 23, 7:00-8:30PM, 86th Street: Join with our neighbors of all faith traditions to give thanks on the eve of Thanksgiving. There will be a light reception after the service. Spiritual leaders from several churches and synagogues will be participating. Hosted by B'nai Jeshurun, Sacred Center, St. Paul and St. Andrew and West-Park Presbyterian Church. Please bring checks made out to the West Side Campaign Against Hunger. For more information, please contact Rabbinic Fellow Adam Roffman at aroffman@bj.org.

CREATING KEHILLAH

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• 4th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Parent Orientation Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Parents of children in 4th grade or whose birthdates fall between September 2001 and December 2002 are invited to an informational meeting that will detail the B'nai Mitzvah planning process. We highly encourage all parents to attend. Date applications (which will be received in the mail along with date/service selection information) may be turned in at that time. For more information contact Arlene Brandon at abrandon@bj.org or x223.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• How To Bring Your A-Game To the Dating Game

Thursday, November 17, 7:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Tired of navigating your way through the New York singles jungle? Then join Tze'irim for a fun and interactive presentation about how to bring your A-game to the dating game. Bari Lyman, speaker and author of *Meet to Marry*, will be sharing tips and tricks about ways to approach dating in order to find lasting love. This event is free; just R.S.V.P. to tz.bnajeshurun@gmail.com. Light refreshments will be served. Book signing to follow the presentation.

• First Tze'irim Shabbat Dinner of the Year

Friday, November 18, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Please join us! Enjoy a fully catered meal and wine in an intimate setting

where you will meet our new team of Tze'irim leadership and Rabbinic Fellow Adam Roffman. This is great chance to get together with friends, make new ones and start Shabbat together with music. \$28 members/\$33 non-members. Register at www.bj.org.

• Tze'irim Shelter Cooking

Tuesday, November 22, 6:00-7:30PM, 88th Street Kitchen: Join TZ as we make dinner for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. We'll meet at 6:00PM downstairs in the 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 November 20 to the SA/SJ committee at sasj@tzeirim.bj.org.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• 5th Annual Other Israel Film Festival

November 10-17, JCC in Manhattan and other locations: The Other Israel Film Festival uses film to foster social awareness and cultural understanding. The Festival presents dramatic and documentary films, as well as engaging panels about history, culture, and identity on the topic of minority populations in Israel with a focus on Arab citizens of Israel, who make up twenty percent of Israel's population. For more information, visit www.otherisrael.org

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

• Parashat Hashavu'a Through the Eyes of

**Rabbi Sholom Noah Berezovsky, the Slonimer Rebbe
Rabbi Felicia Sol**

5 Tuesdays (remaining classes November 15, 22, 29), 12:30-1:45PM, BJ Office: Stop in the middle of the day to explore the weekly parasha with the Hassidic commentary of the Slonimer Rebbe, a 20th century rabbi from Jerusalem, from his work *Netivot Shalom* (the paths of peace). Open up spiritual paths in connecting with the Torah, challenge yourself by being in its weekly rhythm, grow by asking deep and hard questions. Free; registration required at www.bj.org.

• Contemplative Practice Classes: Bending the Arc of the Universe Rabbis Rachel Cowan and Marcelo Bronstein

5 Tuesdays (remaining classes November 15, 22, 29, December 6), 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Contemplative practice for sustaining hope, courage, love and action. This class combines regular practice for experienced meditators with instruction suitable for beginners. Free; registration required at www.bj.org.

• Israelis and Palestinians:

**Neighbors, Rivals, (Silent) Partners, Friends and Enemies
Donna Robinson Divine**

4 Thursdays (December 1, 8, 15, 22), 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Taught by Donna Robinson Divine, Morningstar Family Professor at Smith College where she teaches Middle East Politics. Her most recent book is *Exiled in the Homeland: Zionism and the Return to Mandate Palestine*. Through a study of translated texts, this course will analyze a century of perceptions and interactions of Palestinians and Zionists/Israelis explaining when and under what conditions relationships remained peaceful and when and why interactions descended into violence and confrontation. Registration encouraged at www.bj.org.

• Introduction to Judaism

Adam Roffman, BJ Rabbinic Fellow

Mondays (through May 28), 7:00-9:00PM, BJ Office: This course offers an overview of the core beliefs, practices, and history of Judaism and the Jewish people. We hope to deepen the understanding of those just beginning to explore Jewish life as well as of those who would like to participate more fully in the life of the Jewish community. No prior knowledge or experience necessary. Registration required; individuals \$420/\$636, couples \$630/\$945 at www.bj.org.

• The Books of Torah

Rabbi Hillel Friedman

Tuesdays (through May 29), 8:30-9:30AM, 88th Street Sanctuary: The Books of Torah, studied in English with traditional and contemporary commentaries, demonstrate that our biblical ancestors faced many of the same dilemmas and issues that we face in being alive in the 21st century. That is an indication of the power of the Torah in speaking to us today. Rabbi Hillel Friedman, a longtime member of our community, has been teaching adult courses at BJ for the past eight years. Registration required: members \$100/non-members \$150 for the year at www.bj.org.

• Parashat Hashavu'a: Study Of The Weekly Torah Portion Jonah Geffen, BJ Rabbinic Fellow

Thursdays (through May 31), 7:00-8:30PM, BJ Office: A Hassidic story teaches that Moses wanted to reveal more Torah to the people but God refused, wanting to give the people a sense that there is something hidden among the words for them to discover. This story's implicit message is that we have the power to reveal the hidden parts of the Torah. By adding our own understanding of the text, we too become a part of its unfolding story. In this class, as we study the weekly Torah portion with the aid of both ancient and modern interpretations, we will reveal its many layers and find ourselves reflected in its stories and teachings. Registration required: members: Free/non-members: \$150 for the year at www.bj.org.

WELCOME TO B'NAI JESHURUN!

• **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. Our fair share dues system ensures no one will be turned away based on financial reasons. For more information, contact Jon Wood, Membership Associate, at x250 or jwood@bj.org.

• **A Note From the Ushers:** To prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before services begin. Both kippot and tallitot are available in the back of the Sanctuary. Photography, cell phone use, writing and food are not permitted in the Sanctuary. Damaged books may be brought to the back of the Sanctuary.

• **Assistive Listening Devices for Services at BJ** are available during services at both 88th and 86th Streets. Ask an usher if you need one and please return the device when you leave.

• **Expand Your Social and Professional Network on LinkedIn and Facebook!** Hundreds of BJ members connect with each other through LinkedIn and Facebook. Become a member of the private "B'nai Jeshurun - New York City" LinkedIn group and benefit from your connection to this large community. You can share your professional information, post jobs, and be part of ongoing discussions. "Like" BJ's Facebook page, "B'nai Jeshurun NYC," and stay up-to-date with what's happening in the community.

JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN: Find current Morning Minyan information at www.bj.org/minyan. To receive a weekly minyan schedule by email, contact Ari Priven at apriven@bj.org.

Melekh ozer u-foked u-moshi'a u-magen... Magen Avraham u-foked Sarah.

As of the Yamim Nora'im, we have been using this phrase in the first berakha of the Amidah. Included in our new *maḥzor*, *Maḥzor Lev Shalem*, these descriptions of God—the "Shield of Abraham" and "Guardian of Sarah"—match those appearing in Genesis 15:1 and 21:1. BJ, an early advocate along with many other egalitarian communities of referencing our matriarch Sarah in our tefillah, prayed to the One who came to Sarah's aid ("ezrat Sarah"). Now that "poked Sarah," a phrase that is more directly connected to the biblical text, has found its way into the majority of egalitarian siddurim, we join thousands of Jews around the world in reciting "Magen Avraham u-foked Sarah."

CREATING KEHILLAH (continued from page 3)

• Documentary Film Screening of *7th Street*

Sunday, November 13, 5:00PM, The Center at West Park, 165 West 86th Street: Join BJ members on the founding board of the Center and "Sex and the City" actor Josh Pais for a free screening of his documentary *7th Street*, a moving portrait of his growing up in between the Upper East Side world of his father, a Holocaust survivor, and his bohemian mother in Alphabet City. For more information, visit thecenteratwestpark.com.

• Songs of Wonder: CD Release Concert

Wednesday, November 30, 8:00PM, Le Poisson Rouge, 158 Bleeker Street: Come celebrate a rich new collection of Yiddish songs blending Pharaoh's Daughter's soulful grooves and lush instrumentation with Basya Schechter's lovely voice/composition, and Abraham Joshua Heschel's powerful Yiddish poetry written in Warsaw and Berlin in the early 1930's. Admission is \$12 or \$15. For tickets, call 212-505-FISH or reserve online at www.lepoissonrouge.com.

• The Road From Valencia: A New CD from the New York Consort of Viols

Follow the journey of the earliest players of the viol, Sephardic Jews who were expelled from Spain in 1492, in this recording of one of the New York Consort of Viols most popular programs, "The Road From Valencia: The Sephardic Journey Through Renaissance Europe in Words and Music." This ensemble, led by Artistic Director and BJ member Judith Davidoff, recipient of the "Special Early Music Outreach Award" by Early Music America, is acclaimed for its dynamic Renaissance and Baroque repertoires. Visit www.nyconsortofviols.org to purchase the CD.

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