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**TOLEDOT**

MEVARKHIM HAHOODESH

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Genesis 25:19 - 28:9

**TRIENNIAL** Genesis 26:23 - 27:27

1: 26:23 - 26:29

2: 26:30 - 26:33

3: 26:34 - 27:4

4: 27:5 - 27:13

5: 27:14 - 27:17

6: 27:18 - 27:23

7: 27:24 - 27:27

Maftir: 27:24 - 27:27

**HAFTARAH**

I Samuel 20:18 - 42

**NEXT WEEK: VAYETZE**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Genesis 28:10 - 32:3

**TRIENNIAL** Genesis 30:14 - 31:16

**HAFTARAH** Hosea 12:13 - 14:10

**November 25-December 2, 2011 28 Heshvan-6 Kislev, 5772**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

**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

**Minḥa Service**

4:15 PM - 88th St.

**Bar Mitzvah**

Jacob Diamant

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

**Morning Minyan**

**ROSH HOODESH KISLEV**

9:30 AM - 88th St.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

**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, NOVEMBER 29**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 88th St.

**Limud: The Books of Torah**

8:30 AM - 88th St. [SEE P.2]

**Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a**

12:30 PM - BJ Office [SEE P.2]

**Through the Eyes of the Slonimer Rebbe**

**Limud: Contemplative Practice Class**

7:00 PM - 88th St. [SEE P.2]

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 88th St.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1**

**Morning Minyan**

9:30 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.2]

**Limud: Israelis and Palestinians**

7:00 PM - 88th St. [SEE P.2]

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**

**Morning Minyan**

9:30 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](mailto:lwohl@bj.org) to learn more over coffee.

**• The Soul of Israel: What Is at Stake?**

**A Conversation with Dr. Moshe Halbertal**

**Monday, December 5, 7:00PM**, 88th Street Sanctuary: The opening of a series on the key issues facing Israel and its identity. Join Dr. Moshe Halbertal, Professor of Jewish Thought and Philosophy at Hebrew University, a fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute, and the Gruss Professor at NYU Law School, for an evening devoted to the questions animating Israel today and its vision of itself for the future.

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 YENAH<sup>EM</sup>

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our beloved member Harvey Israelton, and we extend sincere condolences to all his loved ones.

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Jacob, Jon, Robyn, and Kate Diament on Jacob's becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Rabbi Mychal Springer, Jonathan, Ariella, and Avital Rosen on Ariella's becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

- Barbara Simon on her granddaughter, Ruby Zhifeng Simon, becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Terry Rosenbaum on the birth of her granddaughter, Johnna Ariel Rosenbaum.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • Musical Community Shabbat Dinner with Ari and Shoshi

**Friday, December 16**, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us for a communal musical celebration in an intimate setting with Hazzan Ari Priven and BJ's cantorial intern, Shoshi Rosenbaum. The evening will include a three-course dinner, wine, and some all-time favorite songs! \$33 members/\$43 non-members/\$10 child. Register at the BJ website, [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

### • Men's Havurah

**Saturday, December 17**, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Come for schnapps and meaningful conversation with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein. More details to follow. No registration required.

## EVENTS OF INTEREST

### • 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](http://www.lepoissonrouge.com).

## UPCOMING LIMUD *Please visit [www.bj.org](http://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 class November 29; **class will continue for an additional 7 Tuesdays beginning in January: January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21**), 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](http://www.bj.org).

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

**5 Tuesdays** (remaining classes November 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](http://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](http://www.bj.org).

### • The Rodef Shalom—Pursuing Peace in Judaism Jonah Geffen, BJ Rabbinic Fellow

**6 Wednesdays** (December 5\*, January 18, February 15, March 21, May 2, and May 30), 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Throughout Jewish history there have been *rodfei shalom* (pursuers of peace) as well as Jewish models of pursuing peace. This class will study classic rabbinic texts that describe these models and compare them to contemporary academic and other indigenous models of conflict resolution. This course is a joint program of the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies Center for Judaism and Conflict Resolution and B'nai Jeshurun. Cost: \$25; registration required at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).  
**\* First class on Dec. 5 will meet at The Beit Midrash, A.J. Heschel High School, 20 West End Avenue at 60th Street, 6:00-9:00PM.**

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