

**RABBIS:**

J. Rolando Matalon • Marcelo R. Bronstein • Felicia L. Sol

**HAZZAN & MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Ari Priven

**BJ RABBINIC FELLOWS:** Jonah Geffen • Adam Roffman

**CANTORIAL INTERN:** Shoshi Rosenbaum

**VAYESHEV**

<b>TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL</b>	Genesis 37:4 - 40:23
	Genesis 38:1 - 38:30
	1: 38:1 - 38:05
	2: 38:6 - 38:11
	3: 38:12 - 38:14
	4: 38:15 - 38:19
	5: 38:20 - 38:23
	6: 38:24 - 38:26
	7: 38:27 - 38:30
	Maftir: 38:27 - 38:30
<b>HAFTARAH</b>	Amos 2:6 - 3:8

**NEXT WEEK: MIKETZ**

SHABBAT HANUKKAH

MEVARKHIM HAHODESH

**TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL** Genesis 41:1 - 44:17

**HAFTARAH** Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7

**December 16-23, 2011**

**20-27 Kislev, 5772**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16**

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**  
**Musical Community Shabbat Dinner**

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary  
Following Service - 88th St. Frankel Hall  
(SEE P.2)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**

**Shabbat Morning Services**

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

**Bar Mitzvah**  
**Bar Mitzvah**

Ethan Cohen  
Joseph Bergmann

**Junior Congregation**  
**Children's Services**  
**Community Kiddush**

10:30 AM - 86th St. Social Hall  
10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel and Parlor  
Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

**Men's Havurah**

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

**A Saturday Festival of Lights with Tze'irim**

9:00 PM - Wharf Bar and Grill (SEE P.2)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**

**Morning Minyan**

9:30 AM - 88th St.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19**

**Morning Minyan**  
**BJ Hebrew School**  
**Limud: Introduction to Judaism**

7:30 AM - 88th St.  
Closed today  
7:00 PM - BJ Office

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20**

**Morning Minyan**  
**Limud: The Books of Torah**  
**NMOP Reunion Hanukkah Candle Lighting**  
**Hevra Kadisha Hanukkah Candle Lighting**

**1ST CANDLE HANUKKAH**  
7:30 AM - 88th St.  
8:30 AM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)  
6:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)  
7:30 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21**

**Morning Minyan**  
**Intergenerational Hanukkah Cabaret**

**2ND CANDLE HANUKKAH**  
7:30 AM - 88th St.  
6:30 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22**

**Morning Minyan**  
**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program**  
**BJ Hebrew School**  
**Light Up the World:**  
**Hanukkah and Tikkun Olam**  
**Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a**  
**Limud: Israelis and Palestinians**

**3RD CANDLE HANUKKAH**  
7:30 AM - 88th St.  
12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall  
Closed today  
5:30 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)  
7:00 PM - BJ Office (SEE P.3)  
7:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23**

**Morning Minyan**

**4TH CANDLE HANUKKAH**  
7:30 AM - 88th St.

**! 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 [twohl@bj.org](mailto:twohl@bj.org) to learn more over coffee.

**Join us at the BJ Morning Minyan**

Start your day in an intimate and warm setting. Join us for morning services Monday-Friday at 7:30AM, and Sundays and national holidays at 9:30AM. See updated information about the Morning Minyan at [www.bj.org/tefillah/minyan/](http://www.bj.org/tefillah/minyan/).

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

SYNAGOGUE: 257 W. 88th St. • OFFICE: 2109 Broadway (Ansonia), Suite 203, New York, NY 10023 • TEL: 212.787.7600 • FAX: 212.496.7600 • WEBSITE: [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) **BJ**

*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 extends sincere condolences to the following members and their families:

- Dov Bronner and Shula Wiener and Danielle, Arielle and Michael Bronner on the death of Dov's father, Gamiliel Bronner.
- Cindy Wachenheim and Hal Bacharach on the death of Cindy's father, Kurt Wachenheim.
- Cindy Levy on the death of her stepfather, Herbert Steinhardt.
- Bruce and Marsha Noble on the death of Bruce's brother, Ken Noble.

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Ethan, Gary, Karen, Zachary, Georgia and Maya Cohen on Ethan's becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Joseph and Carrie Bergmann and Kay Gardiner on Joseph's becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

### TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Karen and Gary Cohen in honor of Ethan's becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

## 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: Is it possible to change the world? How can we re-imagine our place in it? The speaker will be David Bornstein, author of *How to Change the World: Social Entrepreneurs and the Power of New Ideas* and the author of the "Fixes" column at the *New York Times*, in which he reports on creative initiatives. Come for schnapps and meaningful conversation with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein.

*(continued on page 3)*

## HANUKKAH EVENTS



### • A Saturday Night Festival of Lights with Tze'irim

**Saturday, December 17**, 9:00PM, Wharf Bar and Grill, 587 3rd Avenue between 38th and 39th Streets: Join Tze'irim for the second annual Hanukkah celebration with blue lights, min-

gling, new and old friends, and drink specials. Festivities will take place at the Wharf Bar and Grill. There is no cost to attend. R.S.V.P. at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) and contact Michelle at [m.hamburgh@gmail.com](mailto:m.hamburgh@gmail.com) with any questions.

### • New Lights, New Members: A Reunion for All NMOP Alumni

**Tuesday, December 20**, 6:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: All members who have attended a New Member Orientation Program (NMOP) in the past few years are invited to light the first candle of the Hanukkiyah. Together, we will celebrate the festival of Hanukkah and enjoy latkes and sufganiyot. Please bring your Hanukkiyah to add your own light to our celebration. R.S.V.P. to Jon Wood at [jwood@bj.org](mailto:jwood@bj.org) by Monday, December 19.

### • A Spark of Light in the Darkness: Hevra Kadisha Hanukkah Candle Lighting

**Tuesday, December 20**, 7:30-8:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: The BJ Hevra Kadisha gives so much to our community at such dark times. Please bring your Hanukkiyah and join Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein to light the first candle of Hanukkah. This will be a "light-hearted" evening filled with singing, socializing, latkes and wine. We invite you to bring a new, favorite bottle of kosher wine or grape juice to toast all of the important work that the Hevra Kadisha does. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). Contact Amanda at [aschanfield@bj.org](mailto:aschanfield@bj.org) with questions.

### • Intergenerational Hanukkah Cabaret

**Wednesday, December 21**, 6:30-8:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join BJ Teens and Mekusharim for an exciting evening of musical performances by teens, a sing-a-long with old and new favorite holiday songs, candle lighting and delicious latkes and sufganiyot. Mekusharim members will share nostalgic memories. Everyone can participate in the first-ever intergenerational dreidel contest that is not to be missed. We look forward to seeing everyone, young and older, at this wonderful event where we will celebrate, share stories and create lasting traditions together. R.S.V.P. at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) to join the fun, and contact Kristen Kersey at [kkersey@bj.org](mailto:kkersey@bj.org) with any questions.

### • Light up the World: Hanukkah and Tikkun Olam with Rabbi Felicia Sol

**Thursday, December 22**, 5:30-6:30PM, 86th Street Chapel: Children ages 4-6 and their parents are invited to join Rabbi Felicia Sol to celebrate the third night of Hanukkah with snacks, candle lighting, songs and separate learning programs for the children and their parents. Siblings welcome; children under age 4 must remain with a parent or babysitter. Please bring new or gently used kids' hats, scarves, gloves and/or coats to donate to Goddard Riverside Community Center. Members: free; non-members: \$18/family. Registration required at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). Contact Amanda at [aschanfield@bj.org](mailto:aschanfield@bj.org) with questions.

### • Hag HaBanot: A Celebration of the Inner Light

**Monday, December 26**, 6:30-8:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Each year we gather as women to celebrate Hag HaBanot (The Festival of the Daughters), an ancient Algerian, Moroccan and Tunisian Jewish celebration on Rosh Hodesh Tevet, which falls during Hanukkah. We will celebrate by lighting the seventh candle, cooking and sharing in a festive meal with learning and ritual. Please register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert, or to help prepare the main dish. \$5 members/ \$10 non-members.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES *(continued from page 2)*

### • Aliyah and Kiddush to Honor BJ Volunteers

**Saturday, February 4**, during Shabbat morning services, 86th and 88th 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 at 86th Street, with a Kiddush in your honor immediately following at 88th Street. R.S.V.P. to Belinda Lasky at [blasky@bj.org](mailto:blasky@bj.org) or x224 by February 1.

### • New Member Orientation Program (NMOP)

**Tuesday, January 17 and Thursday, January 26** *(two-night series)*, 6:30-9:00PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.: If you've joined BJ within the past year, we invite you to take advantage of an interactive orientation to your new community. The NMOP is your opportunity to meet new and current BJ members over dinner, hear the dynamic history of BJ, learn how to become involved in a myriad of programs, connect with BJ spiritual leaders, and more. Free; space is limited, so R.S.V.P. by Friday, December 23 to Membership Associate Jon Wood at [jwood@bj.org](mailto:jwood@bj.org).

## CREATING KEHILLAH

### YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

#### • Purim Play Auditions

**Tuesday, January 3**, 4:00-6:00PM **and Wednesday, January 4**, 4:00-5:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Auditions are open to kindergarten through sixth graders. Returnees and K-2 do not need to audition, but should contact Michael at [kelberg@aol.com](mailto:kelberg@aol.com) to sign up. Third through sixth graders should prepare a song to sing a cappella (solo, without instruments) and read from the script. New K-2 participants should stop by on one of the audition days. Kids can leave once they have auditioned. Rehearsals begin 1/8, dress rehearsal 3/1 and show 3/4.

#### • January Tot Shabbat

**Friday, January 6**, 5:15PM, 88th Street: Families will enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed by dinner at 5:45PM in Frankel Hall. Dinner includes delicious choices for adults and children, with vegetarian options available (dietary laws observed). While adults finish their meal, teen volunteers will engage children in games and songs! Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) by Wednesday, January 4. Contact Kristen Kersey at [kkersey@bj.org](mailto:kkersey@bj.org) with questions or dietary requests.

### TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

#### • Tze'irim Shelter Cooking

**Monday, December 26**, 6:00-7:30PM, 88th Street Kitchen: Join TZ as we make dinner for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. 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 December 25 to the SA/SJ committee at [sasj@tzeirim.bj.org](mailto:sasj@tzeirim.bj.org).

### HAVUROT

#### • 40+ Havurah Hanukkah Party

**Friday, December 23**, 7:30PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.: Enjoy candle lighting, food, music, friends, and dancing. The 40+ Havurah is a group of men and women, single and married, established to promote the sharing of friendship, social activities, spirituality and Jewish religious events. Space is limited. R.S.V.P. to Rose Bell at [rose135ny@aol.com](mailto:rose135ny@aol.com). Cost: \$25.

*(continued on page 4)*

## UPCOMING LIMUD *Please visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) for more information and to register.*

#### • Israelis and Palestinians:

##### **Neighbors, Rivals, (Silent) Partners, Friends and Enemies**

##### **Donna Robinson Divine**

**4 Thursdays** (remaining class December 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).

#### • Parashat Hashavu'a Through the Eyes of Rabbi Sholom Noah Berezovsky, the Slonimer Rebbe

##### **Rabbi Felicia Sol**

**7 Tuesdays** (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).

#### • 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: 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](http://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](http://www.bj.org/minyan). To receive a weekly minyan schedule by email, contact Ari Priven at [apriven@bj.org](mailto:apriven@bj.org).

## CREATING KEHILLAH (continued from page 3)

### EVENTS OF INTEREST

• **Don't Miss Limmud NY**

**January 13-16, 2012** (Martin Luther King Day Weekend), Hudson Valley Resort in Kerhonkson, NY: Join us at the premier festival of Jewish learning and culture. Experience art, film, literature, music, philosophy, politics, text study, and other programming for the whole family, including yoga and meditation, or just schmooze. Free babysitting and children's camp are available. Meals are strictly kosher. There will be buses and carpooling from Manhattan and Brooklyn. Financial aid is available. Register now at [www.limmudny.org/register](http://www.limmudny.org/register) or call 212-908-2525.

• **Leadership, Spirituality and Renewal:**

**The Life of Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer**

**Dr. Daniel Fainstein**

**Sunday, February 5**, 10:00AM-2:00PM, One East 65th Street: Explore the life and work of one of the outstanding rabbis of our time. Learn about a leader, who was a strong critic of the Argentinean military government of 1976-1982, working to save the lives of hundreds of persecuted individuals. Discover how he transformed B'nai Jeshurun with his challenging theology and be inspired by his educational goal of creating a multi-dimensional human being. Co-sponsored by BJ and the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning. Cost \$60/\$50 for BJ members. Register at [www.adultjewishlearning.org](http://www.adultjewishlearning.org) under Study/Current Courses.

• **Judah Nadich: Rabbi, Military Chaplain, and Community Builder**

**Through Tuesday, February 7**, Jewish Theological Seminary Library, 3080 Broadway (at 122nd Street): Rabbi Nadich (father of BJ member Shira Nadich Levin) was ordained (1936), earned a doctorate in Hebrew Literature (1953) at JTS, and became the U.S. Army's senior Jewish chaplain in Europe as the Allies liberated the prisoners of Nazi concentration camps. Later, he was adviser on Jewish Affairs to General Dwight Eisenhower and advocated to improve conditions in the displaced-persons camps. The exhibit can be viewed during regular library hours (usually Sunday 10:00AM-7:30PM and Monday-Thursday 8:00AM- 8:00PM). Go to [www.jtsa.edu](http://www.jtsa.edu) for visiting hours.

• **Mitzvah Stories: Seeds for Inspiration and Learning Published In Honor of BJ Member Peninnah Schram**

This new anthology includes 60 mitzvah-centered never-before-published stories by leading educators, storytellers and rabbis, four essays, and a foreword by Yeshiva University President Richard Joel. Several BJ members, including Amichai Lau-Lavie, Jill Hammer and Peninnah Schram, and special friends of BJ, Rabbis Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, Sandy Sasso, and Anita Diamant, have stories in this book, which is now available at West Side Judaica for \$25.

Please visit BJ online at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) for more information: Membership at BJ • Class and Event Registration • BJ Publications • Calendar of Events  
ASL Interpreter available upon request.

Printed on Recycled Paper ♻️ Please Recycle