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**MIKETZ**

SHABBAT HANUKKAH

MEVARKHIM HAHODESH

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

**TRIENNIAL** Genesis 41:53 - 43:15

1: 41:53 - 41:57

2: 42:1 - 42:05

3: 42:06 - 42:18

4: 42:19 - 42:28

5: 42:29 - 42:38

6: 43:1 - 43:7

7: 43:8 - 43:15

Maftir: Numbers 7:30 - 7:35

**HAFTARAH**

Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7

NEXT WEEK: **VAYIGASH**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Genesis 44:18 - 47:27

**TRIENNIAL** Genesis 45:28 - 46:27

**HAFTARAH** Ezekiel 37:15 - 28

**December 23-30, 2011**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23**

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**Shabbat Morning Services**

**Children's Services**

**Community Kiddush**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**Morning Minyan**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26**

**BJ OFFICE CLOSED**

**Morning Minyan**

**BJ Hebrew School**

**Hag HaBanut:**

**A Celebration of the Inner Light**

**Limud: Introduction to Judaism**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27**

**Morning Minyan**

**Limud: The Books of Torah**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28**

**Morning Minyan**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29**

**Morning Minyan**

**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program**

**BJ Hebrew School**

**Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30**

**Morning Minyan**

**27 Kislev-4 Tevet, 5772**

**4TH CANDLE HANUKKAH**

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

**5TH CANDLE HANUKKAH**

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

**6TH CANDLE HANUKKAH**

9:30 AM - 88th St.

**ROSH HODESH TEVET • 7TH CANDLE HANUKKAH**

9:30 AM - 88th St.

Closed today

6:30 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

7:00 PM - No class this week

**ROSH HODESH TEVET • 8TH CANDLE HANUKKAH**

7:30 AM - 88th St.

8:30 AM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

7:30 AM - 88th St.

7:30 AM - 88th St.

12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

Closed today

7:00 PM - BJ Office (SEE P.3)

7:30 AM - 88th St.

**! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK**

**• Mitzvah in Your Sleep: Become a Sunday Shelter Sleepover Volunteer**

**Sundays, 9:00PM-7:00AM, 86th Street Social Hall:**

We are looking to add five Sunday sleepover volunteers for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter by January 1. Help us meet this challenge by volunteering (you can even sign up with a friend). This is a great opportunity to fulfill the mitzvah of providing hospitality with dignity, all while sleeping through the night. If you aren't available on Sundays, please let us know which days work best for you. To volunteer, please contact Marisa Kolodny at marisakolodny@gmail.com or Larissa Wohl at lwohl@bj.org or x272.

**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).

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BJ's Ner Tamid at 88th St. is powered by the light of the sun.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HA-MAKOM YENAHĒM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our beloved member Otto Knoller, and we extend sincere condolences to his wife, Lotte Knoller and their entire family.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our beloved member David Hochman, and we extend sincere condolences to Joan Hochman and Christopher Reid, Marcia Hochman and Joel Mitnick, and their families.

### TODAH RABBAH

• This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Mark and Marya Lehrman in celebration of Mark's 50th birthday, and the 50th wedding anniversary of Marya's parents, Bob and Amy Pollack.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

• David List and Israeli and American grad students, Pirkei Dorot Program, Newton Centre, Massachusetts.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



• **Hag HaBanut: 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 HaBanut (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.

• **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).

• **Saturday Morning Ushers Needed**

Are you outgoing, friendly and warm? We need you to join our Ushering committee to greet people at Shabbat morning services. How much time you give is up to you. As you know, ushering creates an important first impression for BJ. It is all about making people feel welcome at services and helping to seat our visitors. If you are interested, and we hope you are, please email Elaine Nevins at [enevins@nyc.rr.com](mailto:enevins@nyc.rr.com) for details.

## CREATING KEHILLAH

### SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **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.

### 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.

• **3rd-5th Grade Havdalah and Movie Night**

**Saturday, January 21, 5:30-8:30PM**, 88th Street Frankel Hall: BJ's third, fourth and fifth graders (no matter where you receive your Jewish education) and their parents are invited to come to the 88th Street Sanctuary at 5:30PM for a special Havdalah ceremony. Following Havdalah, there will be a kids-only movie night plus pizza and ice cream! The cost is \$20 per child: Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) by January 18, and contact Kristen at [kkersey@bj.org](mailto:kkersey@bj.org) with any questions.

• **5th Grade Overnight**

**Saturday, January 21-Sunday, January 22, 5:30PM-9:30AM**, 88th Street Frankel Hall: All 5th graders, wherever they receive their Jewish education, can sign up to spend the night at BJ. Parents should stay at the beginning for Havdalah. At 6:00PM it's kids-only with the 3rd and 4th graders for dinner and a movie. We'll wrap up at 9:00AM with a light breakfast. The cost is \$35, including dinner, snacks, and breakfast. Register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) before Monday, January 16 and contact Kristen at [kkersey@bj.org](mailto:kkersey@bj.org) with any questions.

### 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).

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

### 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. Cost: \$25.

### EVENTS OF INTEREST

#### • David Broza, Vocals and Guitar Concert

**Saturday, December 24**, 8:00PM, 92nd Street Y, 1395 Lexington Avenue: David Broza personifies Israel at its finest, and yet he is also a musical citizen of the world. Come hear 92Y's annual seasonal presentation of the star for all seasons. \$40 Premium; \$27 Regular Seating. Get these discounted prices for BJ members with special code, BROZA, at the box office, or by registering at [www.92y.org](http://www.92y.org).

#### • 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 started the transformation of 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.

## 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

**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).

• **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](mailto: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.

**Hanuka linda sta aki, ocho kandelas para mi.**

**O... Una kandelika, dos kandelikas,  
tres kandelikas, quatro kandelikas,  
sintyu kandelikas, sej kandelikas,  
siete kandelikas, ocho kandelas para mi.**

**Muchas fiestas vo fazer, kon alegriyas I plazer.**

**O... Una kandelika, dos kandelikas ...**

**Los pastelitos vo kumer, kon almendrikas I la myel.**

**O... Una kandelika, dos kandelikas ...**

*— Words and Music: Flory Jagoda*