

קול ישורון

KOL JESHURUN

**B'nai
Jeshurun**
בני ישורון

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

VAYIGASH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 44:18 - 47:27

TRIENNIAL Genesis 45:28 - 46:27

1: 45:28 - 46:4

2: 46:5 - 46:7

3: 46:8 - 46:11

4: 46:12 - 46:15

5: 46:16 - 46:18

6: 46:19 - 46:22

7: 46:23 - 46:27

Maftir: 46:23 - 46:27

HAFTARAH Ezekiel 37:15 - 28

NEXT WEEK: VAYEHI

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 47:28 - 50:26

TRIENNIAL Genesis 49:1 - 49:26

HAFTARAH 1 Kings 2:1 - 12

December 30, 2011-January 6, 2012

4-11 Tevet, 5772

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

New Year's Day

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th St.

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School Closed today

Limud: Introduction to Judaism No class this week

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: The Books of Torah 8:30 AM - 88th St.

Purim Play Auditions 4:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.

Purim Play Auditions 4:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

ASARA BETEVET

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

Morning Minyan 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.

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

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.

YASHER KOAH

• The Kol Jeshurun is looking for a few good members

Over the past year a handful of B'nai Jeshurun members were highlighted in the KJ for achievements and the performance of mitzvot. Now the Education and Communications Team of the Membership Committee aims to make the Yasher Koah column a regular feature in BJ's weekly publication. We have writers and we have column space; we just need stories. Perhaps you know someone who has just published groundbreaking research or provided major help to a charitable cause. If you know a BJ member who has contributed to the greater community outside of the BJ walls in some way, help us to share the story. Just contact Sue Daniels at bd4fan@gmail.com with the individual's name and a brief summary of what he or she has accomplished, and please make sure you have his or her permission. Make us proud, BJ!

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

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Barbara and Joe Friedman and Ellen, Sam, Maddie and Eliza Bender in honor of Barbara and Joe's 55th anniversary, Joe's 80th birthday, and Maddie's reading of the Haftarah.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• 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.

• 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 or x224 by February 1.

• 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 for details.

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 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 by Wednesday, January 4. Contact Kristen Kersey at kkersey@bj.org with questions or dietary requests.

• Bim Bam

Fridays, January 20-May 18, 9:30-10:15AM and 10:45-11:30AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Bim Bam is a pre-Shabbat class for children 3 and under to sing Shabbat related songs and enjoy Jewish learning activities. Every class ends with candlelighting, kiddush and hamotzi. Register at www.bj.org for the 9:30 class (geared for ages 18 months-3 years) or the 10:45 class (geared for 18 months and under). Cost is \$160/members and \$210/non-members per family. Contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with questions. Class will not meet April 6 and 13.

• 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 by January 18, and contact Kristen at 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 before Monday, January 16 and contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with any questions.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• 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 under Study/Current Courses.

• 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.

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/.