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CANTORIAL INTERN: Shoshi Rosenbaum

VAYEHI

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 47:28 - 50:26

TRIENNIAL Genesis 49:1 - 49:26

1: 49:1 - 49:4

2: 49:5 - 49:7

3: 49:8 - 49:12

4: 49:13 - 49:15

5: 49:16 - 49:18

6: 49:19 - 49:21

7: 49:22 - 49:26

Maftir: 49:22 - 49:26

HAFTARAH 1 Kings 2:1 - 12

NEXT WEEK: **SHEMOT**

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 1:1 - 6:1

TRIENNIAL Exodus 3:1 - 4:17

HAFTARAH Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-23

January 6-13, 2012

11-18 Tevet, 5772

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

Tot Shabbat and Dinner

5:15 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Junior Congregation

10:30 AM - 86th St. Social Hall

Children's Services

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

Community Kiddush

Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

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, JANUARY 10

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a

12:30 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

Through the Eyes of the Slonimer Rebbe

Limud: The Books of Torah

8:30 AM - 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

Domestic Teen Trip

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 13

Domestic Teen Trip

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.



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

• **BJ Blood Drive**

Wednesday, January 18, 3:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Give the gift of life and sign up now for the BJ Blood Drive. Learn more about how you can prepare to donate and learn about any restrictions that may apply at www.bj.org. R.S.V.P. to Trudi Levine at trudil531@aol.com with the best time slot for you and with any questions.

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 YENAHĒM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our beloved member Bonnie Goldman and extends sincere condolences to her husband, A. David Lori, her daughter Hilary, and their entire family.

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

- Jeffrey, Chirona and Manny Silverstein, Erin Santana, and Stacie Deiner on the death of Jeffrey's father, Herbert Silverstein.
- Robin Glasser Sacknoff on the death of her daughter, Tray Glasser.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Hazzan Mordechai Schram and Sonia Gordon-Walinsky and Peninnah Schram on the birth of their son and grandson, Yitzhak Eliyahu.
- Susan, Stephen and Joanna Samuels and Jeremy, Natan, and Orli Hockenstein on the engagement of their daughter, sister, and aunt, Alicia Samuels, to Eric Rosenstock.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Michael Pincus and Confirmation Class, Congregation Beth Israel, West Hartford, Connecticut.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Defeat Haman—Join the Purim Mishloah Manot Committee

Wednesday, January 11, 7:30PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.: We're seeking high-energy members to start a new BJ tradition: creating Mishloah Manot—Purim gift baskets! We need committee members to brainstorm contents for the gift baskets; join an army of mishloah manot assemblers; and organize delivery to a portion of the BJ community. Proceeds from the baskets will be donated to charity. Join the committee or find out more by e-mailing Amanda at aschanfield@bj.org.

• David Margolick to Speak on Shabbat in Honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Saturday, January 14, during Shabbat morning services, 86th Street: David Margolick, author of the newly-published *Elizabeth and Hazel: Two Women of Little Rock* (Yale University Press), will speak about the two schoolgirls—one black, one white—immortalized in one of the most famous photographs from the civil rights era, and of the Jewish dimension in both the story itself and his decision to write it.

• 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 Monday, January 9 to Membership Associate Jon Wood at jwood@bj.org.

• The BJ Book Club Discussion with Author Julie Salamon

Saturday, January 21, 1:00PM, 86th Street Chapel: The BJ book group invites you to meet with the author, Julie Salamon, as she discusses her work and writing. Her books comprise a varied journey—a family's survival and quest in a memoir *The Net of Dreams*, a remarkable fascinating portrait of health care, *Hospital*, and her current best seller *Wendy and the Lost Boys*. She is a compassionate, explorer of complex personalities and issues in our contemporary world.

• Men's Havurah

Saturday, January 28, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Come for schnapps, discussion and meaningful conversation. Hosted by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein. No registration needed.

• Mekusharim Art Series

3 Thursdays (February 2, 9, 16), 7:00-8:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: This four-part series called Understanding Bible Through Art: The First Family

is comprised of three slide shows at BJ and a culminating tour at the Met, led by Rabbi Lewis Warshauer. There will be a registration cost for the series; the more participants, the lower the cost per person. Please contact Nancy Greenblatt at nancywgee03@gmail.com by January 18 if you are interested.

• 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.

• Help a BJ Teen Start a Library in Iraq

BJ Teen Arielle Korman is currently collecting books for a brand new library in Kurdistan, Iraq. After spending time at Global Youth Village, a summer camp for peacebuilding and leadership, Arielle is helping Iraq reestablish itself. With the help of the non-profit organization Vision, a new library is being created to increase English literacy. Visit www.futuresvision.org to learn more. Contact Arielle at korman.arielle@gmail.com for information on how to donate books, as well as monetary contributions to help pay for shipping.

• Listen to Rabbi Moshe Halbertal

We are pleased to make available Rabbi Halbertal's talk on the topic "The Soul of Israel" that was delivered on December 5, 2011. Find a link to the audio at www.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 contact Elaine Nevins at enevins@nyc.rr.com for details.

CREATING KEHILLAH

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• 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

• 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 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 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 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 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.

• Torah Reading Class

Mondays beginning January 23, 6:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Have you always wanted to know how to read Torah, but never found a place to learn? We have the class for you! Join us to learn the ins and outs of trop and Torah reading. No previous Torah reading experience necessary, but you must be able to read Hebrew. Register at www.bj.org. Materials fee is \$50 and the class is limited to 10 people. Please contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with any questions.

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.

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!

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.

Hamalakh hago-el oti mikol-ra
yevarekh et-hane'arim veyikare vahem shemi
veshem avotai Avraham veYitzhak
veyidgu larov bekerev ha-aretz.

Genesis 48:16

הַמַּלְאָךְ הַגָּאֵל אֶתִּי מִכָּל־רָע
יְבָרֵךְ אֶת־הַנְּעָרִים וַיִּקְרָא בְהֵם שְׁמִי
וַיִּשֶׂם אֲבֹתַי אַבְרָהָם וַיִּצְחָק
וַיְדַגּוּ לָרֹב בְּקִרְבַּי הָאָרֶץ :

בראשית פרק מח טז

The Angel who has redeemed me from all harm
Bless the lads. In them may my name be recalled,
And the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac,
And may they be teeming multitudes upon the earth.

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