

RABBIS:

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TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL	Exodus 10:1 - 13:16
	Exodus 11:4 - 12:28
1:	11:4 - 11:10
2:	12:1 - 12:10
3:	12:11 - 12:13
4:	12:14 - 12:16
5:	12:17 - 12:20
6:	12:21 - 12:24
7:	12:25 - 12:28
Maftir:	12:25 - 12:28
HAFTARAH	Jeremiah 46:13-28

NEXT WEEK: **BESHALAH**

SHABBAT SHIRAH

TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL	Exodus 13:17 - 17:16
HAFTARAH	Exodus 14:15 - 16:10
	Judges 5:1 - 31

Vote now to choose BJ's Purim tzedakah organizations!

BJ will be selling mishloach manot and donating the proceeds to two community-chosen organizations, one local and one in Israel, so that we can also fulfill the mitzvah of matanot l'evyonim (gifts to the poor). Visit www.bj.org/purimvote to cast your vote!

Passing the Virtual Hat for a Vandalized Shul

Help Temple Beth El of City Island (www.yourshulbythesea.org) restore their sanctuary and their precious ritual items. Your donation will let them know they are in our prayers and hearts.

January 27-February 3, 2012

3-10 Shevat, 5772

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
Tze'irim Shabbat Dinner	Following the Service – 88th St. Frankel Hall

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary
Children's Services	10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor
Children's Kiddush	Following Services – 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)
Community Kiddush	Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall
Men's Havurah—Open to All	5:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)
“Seeing Israel Through Non-Jewish Eyes”	

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88th St.
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MONDAY, JANUARY 30

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 31

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Limud: The Books of Torah	8:30 AM – 88th St.
Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a	12:30 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.3)
Through the Eyes of the Slonimer Rebbe	
Special Needs Havdalah Volunteer Training	5:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
BJ Musicians—Circle of Songs	6:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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
Limud: Mekusharim Art Series	7:00 PM – 88th St.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Bim Bam	9:30 and 10:45 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

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

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Wendy Leiser and Robby Dykan on their recent engagement.
- Rabbi Joel and Sandy Soffin on the birth of their grandson, Sebastian Cole Berrol Soffin.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Children's Kiddush is sponsored by James Stulman and Stacy Bolton in memory of Neil Mosesson.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbis Jeffrey Wildstein and Shoshana Perry and 9th and 10th Graders, Temple Beth David/Congregation Shalom, Westwood and North Chelmsford, Massachusetts.
- Naomi Sobel and 8th Graders, Temple Israel of Boston, Boston, Massachusetts.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Men's Havurah—Open to All—"Seeing Israel Through Non-Jewish Eyes"

Saturday, January 28, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Upon Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein's return from a senior religious leaders' trip, he will be sharing reflections with other leaders who participated including Sheikh Dr. Ibrahim Abdul-Malik and Imam Dr. Muhammad Hatim from the Admiral Family Circle Islamic Community, Reverend Shari Brink from the Marble Collegiate Church, Reverend Galen Guengerich from the All Souls Unitarian Church and The Very Reverend Dr. James Kowalski from The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine. Everyone is invited to attend.

• BJ Musicians—Circle of Songs

Wednesday, February 1, 6:00-7:30PM, 88th Street: Join the BJ Musicians in a Circle of Songs to sing and learn melodies new and old of the BJ repertoire. Free of charge. Registration at www.bj.org/songcircle is encouraged. Contact Ari at apriven@bj.org for more information.

• 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.

• Tu Bishvat Seder

Tuesday, February 7, 7:30PM, 86th Street Chapel: Join BJ Rabbinic Fellows Jonah Geffen and Adam Roffman and Shomrei Adamah, BJ's environmental havurah, for a festive and uplifting Tu Bishvat seder. Enjoy a combination of wine, all-natural snacks, mystical texts, songs and compostable plates. The seder will be a spiritual journey intended to heighten our awareness of human responsibility for and attunement with the natural world. For more information contact Jonah at jgeffen@bj.org. Register by February 6 at www.bj.org. \$10 members/\$18 non-members.

• Teacher-in-Residence Community Shabbat Dinner with Chaim Seidler-Feller: "Essential Judaism for the American Future"

Friday, February 10, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us for a community dinner with teacher-in-residence Chaim Seidler-Feller, director of UCLA Hillel. Rabbi Seidler-Feller has taught Kabbalah and Talmud at the University of Judaism, is a Fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute for Advanced Jewish Studies, and is a member of the Academic Advisory Board of the Wilstein Institute for Social Policy. Enjoy a three-course kosher meal with wine, and great company. Register by February 8 at www.bj.org.

• Teacher-in-Residence Shabbat Afternoon Teaching with Chaim Seidler-Feller: "Toward a Renewal and Rebirth of Zionism"

Saturday, February 11, 4:30-5:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller, director of the UCLA Hillel, for Shabbat afternoon study.

• TGEWC... Thank God Esther Was Charming: Mekusharim Shabbat Dinner

Friday, March 9, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Let's toast Esther's charms with a classic Shabbat dinner for ages 55+. Charm your table and be guided into the Persian past. Why, you may wonder, is Purim such a strange mix of hiddenness and boisterousness? What was Esther hiding with her charm? For the answers to these questions about this holiday of zany goings-on, we turn to Adam Roffman, BJ's Rabbinic Fellow. Cost: \$33/members, \$43/non-members. Register at www.bj.org by Wednesday, February 29 and contact Belinda Lasky at blasky@bj.org for more information.

• Help a BJ Teen Start a Library in Iraq

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

CREATING KEHILLAH

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• Children's Kiddush

Saturday, January 28, following Children's Services, 86th Street Chapel: Families with young children are invited to join us after Children's Services for a special kiddush with kid-friendly food and atmosphere, sponsored by the family of Stacy Bolton and James Stulman in honor of Neil Mosesson, z"l, husband of Regina Zimmerman-Mosesson and father of Abigail Mosesson. To sponsor a future kiddush, contact Guy Felixbrodt at x255.

• Train to be a Parent Coordinator for Youth and Family Shelter Cooking

Monday, January 30, 5:30-6:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Beginning this January, each grade will cook a meal during Hebrew School on a Monday, 4:30-6:00PM. Parents interested in coordinating for their grade should join us for a training that will detail the process and explain changes from past Shelter Cooking events. Shelter Cooking is for all students in grades K-7 at BJ, and those who do not attend Hebrew School are welcome to join. For dates, please contact Kristen Kersey at kkersey@bj.org.

• **Seeking Volunteers for Upcoming Special Needs Havdalah Services**
Tuesday, January 31, 5:30-6:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: We are seeking volunteers to help welcome and assist families at the new Havdalah services, planned by the BJ Inclusion Committee. Join us for a training that will outline the sensory friendly service. We will explain the roles of volunteers and how and when you can help engage the children and adults with special needs who will participate. The services are planned for 5:45-7:00PM on February 4 and April 28. Contact Hilary Schumer at hilary.schumer@gmail.com to R.S.V.P. and ask questions.

• **6th Grade Family Program: Explore the Torah**
Thursday, February 2, 5:00-6:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Take a deeper look at the Torah and begin thinking about your child's d'var Torah at this interactive program for 6th graders and their parents, regardless of where your child receives his/her Jewish education. The program will be filled with fun games and activities based on the Storahelling method, and each student will explore his/her own parasha. Please note, this program occurs during Hebrew School, and BJHS parents and all other families should plan to meet in the Sanctuary.

• **Gimmel and Dalet Class Shabbat Dinner**
Friday, February 3, 7:45PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join your BJHS classmates at a Shabbat dinner for third and fourth grades. We will join together for services in the sanctuary before heading downstairs for dinner, songs and Shabbat blessings. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org, and contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with any questions.

• **Special Needs Havdalah Service**
Saturday, February 4, 5:45-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Celebrate the end of Shabbat with BJ spiritual leaders and musicians for an inviting musical Havdalah Service. This sensory friendly service is designed to be inclusive of all children and adults with special needs. All are welcome, including members and non-members. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org, as we will provide preparatory materials in advance. Contact Emily Walsh at ewalsh@bj.org with questions. Our next service will be held on April 28.

• **3rd Grade Cooking for the BJ/SPSA Shelter**
Monday, February 6, 4:30-6:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: All of BJ's 3rd graders will come together to cook a meal for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter regardless of where they receive their Jewish education. This activity will occur during Hebrew School class time and last until 6:00PM. Together, the 3rd grade will cook, set the table, and engage in discussion about the Jewish value of feeding the hungry. Due to limited space, parent participation is limited to first-come-first-serve. Contact Jessica Forman at jessicalforman@yahoo.com by February 3 to R.S.V.P.

• **Shabbat Service and Junior Congregation 101**
Thursday, February 9, 5:00-6:00PM, location given upon R.S.V.P.: Parents of Junior Congregation kids are invited to learn about the meaning, order, and choreography of the Shabbat morning service, taught by Rabbinic Intern for Youth and Family Mick Fine. Please feel free to come with questions or to learn about the how's and why's of Junior Congregation. R.S.V.P. to Kristen at kkersey@bj.org.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Serving Sunday Lunch and Socializing with Seniors**
Sunday, January 29, 12:00-2:30 PM, Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty: Join Tze'irim as we make an inter-generational impact brightening up the lives of seniors! We will be serving a hot kosher lunch and socializing with low income seniors at the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty. After we finish, let's get some food ourselves! R.S.V.P. to the SA/SJ committee at tz.bnaijeshurun@gmail.com

• **Tze'irim Shelter Cooking**
Monday, January 30, 6:00-7:30PM, 88th Street Kitchen: Join us as we make dinner for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. We'll meet at 6:00PM downstairs in the kitchen (88th Street between Broadway and West End Ave.). As usual, all the cooks will split the cost of the groceries (\$6-10), and no cooking experience is necessary. R.S.V.P. by Sunday, January 29 to the SA/SJ committee at tz.bnaijeshurun@gmail.com.

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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 (remaining classes January 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 of charge. Registration required at www.bj.org.

• **Service of the Heart: A Study of Maimonides' Laws of Prayer**
Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon
7 Tuesdays (February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 13, 20, 27), 6:30-8:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: We will examine the Rambam's approach to prayer in his legal code Mishneh Torah—The Book Of Love (Sefer

Ahavah) and his invaluable teachings about the development of Jewish prayer, including: prayer as fulfillment of the commandments to serve God and to love God; the role of kavannah; what is the place of contemplation?; how can we reconcile spontaneous prayer and mandatory prayer?; can we petition God?; can prayer shape our character and influence our actions? Free of charge. Registration required at www.bj.org.

• **Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis**
Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon
7 Thursdays (February 9, 16, 23, March 1, 15, 22, 29), 12:30-1:30PM, Midtown location T.B.A., Lunch and Learn (please bring your own lunch): We will study stories that reflect the concerns and struggles, fears and fantasies, even the dark side of our Talmudic sages. We will attempt to look at ourselves in the mirror of the Talmud in order to understand and confront our own nature. No knowledge of Hebrew is required. Free of charge. Registration required at 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. To receive a weekly minyan schedule by email, contact Ari Priven at apriven@bj.org.

YASHER KOAH

Yasher Koah: A column running at the end of each month highlighting a BJ member's recent achievement.



Yasher Koah Anita Altman! We are proud to honor Anita Altman, a longtime BJ member who has been deeply involved in human service programs that serve the Jewish and wider NY communities.

On February 9 the JCC will present the 4th annual New York Disabilities Film Festival (www.reelabilities.org), a showcase—presented at the JCC and 22 other metro NY sites—which sensitively reveals the lives and experiences of people living with mental and physical challenges. This year, festivals will also be held in 12 cities through the U.S. Anita, along with the JCC, is a founder of this outstanding event.

Anita is also an executive at UJA-Federation of New York, where she has pioneered support-service programs for Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities all across NY State, and has worked to bring focus to significant, but at times overlooked, issues dealing with the AIDS epidemic, family violence, the elderly and the disabled populations. In 2007, she chaired the *Opening the Gates of Community* conference that challenged Jewish leaders to step up and help create an inclusive Jewish community.

CREATING KEHILLAH (continued from page 3)

• Drink a Beer, Plant a Tree

Wednesday, February 8, 7:00PM, Wharf Bar and Grill: In honor of Tu Bishvat, Tze'irim is throwing a happy hour! Your \$10 entry to the event will not only be donated to the Jewish National Fund to plant a tree in Israel, but it will get you access to an event with drink specials, fun friends, and great food. The event will take place at the Wharf Bar and Grill (587 3rd Avenue between 38th and 39th Street). Register at www.bj.org to attend.

• Story Slam: Love in the Time of the Internet

Thursday, February 9, 8:00PM, Museum at Eldridge Street: Bring your friends and share your best, bad dating experiences and your triumphs at this Moth-inspired story slam. Prizes awarded for most outrageous tales. Hosted by Rachel Evans, whose one-woman play "Jew Wish" explores the ups and downs of online dating. Live music from the Joshua Kwassman Jazz Quartet will follow. Non-story tellers welcome! Beer and wine served. R.S.V.P. to Hannah Griff at HGriff@eldridgestreet.org. Cash payments will be accepted at the door: \$10/adults; \$5/Museum at Eldridge Street Facebook friends.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• Secrets of the Zohar: Words to Live By

Sunday, January 29, 9:30AM-5:00PM, The JCC in Manhattan, Amsterdam Avenue at 76th Street: Experience an inspiring day of learning with master teachers of Kabbalah in an environment of academic excellence and spiritual vitality. Rediscover relevant and practical insights that can guide you toward a more meaningful life. Dr. Daniel Matt, a leading authority on Kabbalah currently engaged in translating and annotating the Zohar for *The Zohar: Pritzker Edition*, will be our special guest. The cost is \$45 (\$60 at the door). This event is co-sponsored by BJ. Register at www.jccmanhattan/makom or by calling 646-505-5708.

• 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.

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