

קול ישראל

KOL JESHURUN

B'nai
Jeshurun
בני ישראל

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MISHPATIM

SHABBAT SHEKALIM

MEVARKHIM HA^HODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 21:1 - 24:18

TRIENNIAL Exodus 22:4 - 23:19

- 1: 22:4 - 22:8
- 2: 22:9 - 22:12
- 3: 22:13 - 22:18
- 4: 22:19 - 22:26
- 5: 22:27 - 23:5
- 6: 23:6 - 23:13
- 7: 23:14 - 23:19

Maftir: 30:11 - 30:16

HAFTARAH II Kings 12:1 - 17

NEXT WEEK: **TERUMAH**

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 25:1 - 27:19

TRIENNIAL Exodus 26:1 - 26:30

HAFTARAH I Kings 5:26 - 6:13

DEFEAT HAMAN!

Buy your mishloah manot (Purim gift packages) before February 21.
More information on page 3.

February 17-24, 2012

24 Shevat-1 Adar, 5772

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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, FEBRUARY 19

International Teen Trip — through February 26

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Presidents Day

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St.

Bar Mitzvah

Max Schatsky

BJ Hebrew School

Closed today

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

No class this week

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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.2)

Through the Eyes of the Slonimer Rebbe

Limud: Service of the Heart:

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

A Study of Maimonides' Laws of Prayer

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: Rosh Hodesh Group for Adar,

7:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

Open to All—Judy Clark Has Changed:
When Will Our Prison System?

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Morning Minyan

ROSH HODESH ADAR

Mekusharim Art Series

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

11:00 AM - Metropolitan Museum of Art

Limud: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis

12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

BJ Hebrew School

12:30 PM (SEE P.2)

Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a

Closed today

7:00 PM - BJ Office

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Morning Minyan

ROSH HODESH ADAR

Bim Bam

7:30 AM - 88th St.

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAH^{EM}

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

- Edward Miller and Bena Green on the death of Ed's daughter, Stefanie Miller Jacobowitz.
- Leslie Nelson, Jill Hayman, and Remy and Micah Nelson on the death of Leslie's father, George Nelson.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Max, Gary and Maya Schatsky, Ellen Zimmerli, Bruce Sandys, Amy Cohen and Mark Sandys, Sam Schatsky, David, Ronen and Binah Schatsky and Susan Bodnar on Max becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Marcy Einhorn on the engagement of her son, Benjamin Chynsky, to Jessica Feinberg.
- Michael Kark on his engagement to Keren Ritchie.
- Shelly Ostro on the engagement of his daughter, Randy Ostro, to Brian Moore.

TODAH RABBAH

This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Bob Gruenspecht in honor of his 60th birthday and for reading from his Bar Mitzvah parashah.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Barbara AB Symons and 8th and 9th grade religious school students, Temple David, Monroeville, Pennsylvania.
- Rabbi Joe Black and Rabbi Mitch Delcau and Confirmation Class, Temple Emanuel, Denver, Colorado.
- Kim Beame and Post-Confirmation Class, Congregation B'nai Israel—the School for Living Judaism, Boca Raton, Florida.
- Jo-Ellen Unger and Post-Confirmation Class—M'china, Congregation Ahavath Chesed, Jacksonville, Florida.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• JTS Chancellor Arnold M. Eisen to Deliver D'var Torah

Saturday, March 10, at the Shabbat morning service, 86th Street: We are very honored that Professor Arnold M. Eisen, one of the world's foremost experts on American Judaism, and the seventh chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary, will be delivering the D'var Torah on Shabbat Ki Tissa. Chancellor Eisen is a renowned teacher, an award-winning writer, an advocate for the Jewish community and a leading voice for Judaism and the "vital religious center" of North America. He will join us at the kiddush following services.

• Support West Side Judaica

In the Talmud, Rav Yosef explains that when choosing to give financial support to competing causes, local causes always come first. This is one of many reasons BJ firmly supports West Side Judaica (at 2412 Broadway between 88th and 89th Streets). Though known primarily for its superb selection of books and ritual objects, the sever panim yafot (warm and welcoming faces) of its staff provide something no website can. As it confronts an extraordinary rent increase, we urge you to support this essential building block of our Jewish community.

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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 class February 21; resumes in April), 12:30-1:45PM, BJ Office: Stop in the middle of the day to explore the weekly parashah 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 (remaining classes February 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 kavanah; 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.

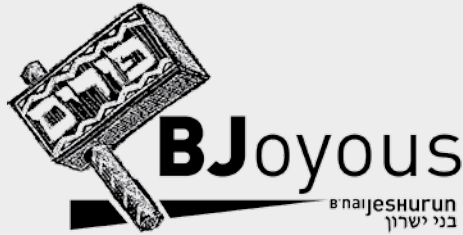
• Rosh Hodesh Group for Adar—Open to All Judy Clark has Changed: When Will our Prison System? Rabbi Felicia Sol

Wednesday, February 22, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: You read about her in the *New York Times Sunday Magazine*. Join Rabbi Felicia Sol and Rachel Cowan to hear Judy's story from Tom Robbins, the reporter of the *NYT* article, and see Judy as a student of Eve Ensler in the documentary film *What I Want My Words To Do To You*. Rabbi Ari Hart of Uri L'Tzedek will teach, and Sara Bennett, Judy's lawyer, will walk us through the legal situation. All are welcome.

• Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

7 Thursdays (remaining classes February 23, March 1, 15, 22, 29), 12:30-1:30PM, Midtown location given upon registration, 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.

“Lots” Going On at Purim 5772



Purim, the fourteenth of Adar, and one of the most joyous Jewish holidays, is March 7-8 this year. Here you'll find out about events and our community effort to send mishloah manot (Purim gift packages) to every BJ household and to give matanot l'evyonim (gifts to the poor) from every BJ household. Plan your Purim. Volunteer to help. Do it all at www.bj.org/purim.

• Buy Mishloah Manot for BJ Member Households

This year, BJ volunteers will be creating amazing mishloah manot (Purim gift packages) complete with sweets to eat and other treats! Purchase 4/\$36; 10/\$72; 20/\$118; or for the entire BJ community/\$360. Each BJ member household will receive a single mishloah manot, along with a list of everyone who contributed to their gift. For more information on ordering, picking up, or delivering mishloah manot, please go online or contact Amanda at aschanfield@bj.org. **Orders must be placed by Tuesday, February 21.**

• Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 4, 11:00AM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Celebrate Purim and “BJoyous” with the BJ community. The carnival opens at 11:00AM for families with children six and under, and opens to the entire community at 11:45AM. Enjoy the moon bounce and games, win one of our high quality “joyous” prizes, and help us raise tzedakah in the spirit of the holiday. Make sure to stay for the Purim Play at 1:15PM.

• Purim Play

Sunday, March 4, 1:15PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: “It’s the Purim Show!” Join Mordy & Marty the Frogs along with Fozie, Fuzie, Ms. Prissy and the rest of the Purims & Misfits as they take on Ham(an) & Pam Richman, and try and save the great Purim theatre from meeting its demise. Presented by BJ’s 3rd-6th graders. Prior to the show our Kindergarten through second graders will tell the real story of Purim through word and song. Come for the carnival at 11:45AM, but stay for the show.

• BJoyous—Mishloah Manot Creation Celebration

Sunday, March 4, 4:00-8:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Get in the Purim spirit as we assemble 1,500 mishloah manot (Purim gift packages). This event is sure to “BJoyous”—the theme for this year’s mishloah manot. As you assemble, enjoy music, trivia, and snacks. Featuring Judy Gold and other surprise guests. This will be a “Celebration of the Decades” and we invite you to dress with a nod to the 50s, 60s, or 70s. To sign up for a two-hour volunteer shift (4:00-6:00PM or 6:00-8:00PM), please go online. For more information contact Debbie Lerner at edmjlerner@aol.com.

• Mishloah Manot Delivery

Wednesday, March 7 and Thursday, March 8, times vary, meet at 88th Street: Help deliver mishloah manot to BJ member households for whom getting to the Megillah reading might be difficult. Mishloah manot will be delivered to BJ members over the age of 80, as well as those who have had a baby or death in their immediate family in the past year. Delivery will be done in pairs or groups. Volunteers are also needed for distributing mishloah manot before the Megillah reading. For more information contact Sarah Rosenthal at sarahfrosenthal@gmail.com. Please go online to sign up for a shift.

• Avoid the Line on Purim—Bring Your Mishloah Manot Email

Wednesday, March 7, 7:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: This year, BJ will have a special line for members to enter the Megillah reading first. The week prior to Purim, BJ member households will receive an email from Amanda Schanfield listing the people who contributed to your mishloah manot. This email will serve as your entrance card into the members’ line and will also allow you to pick up your mishloah manot. Please bring this email, either printed or on your smart phone. Contact Amanda at aschanfield@bj.org for more information.

• 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 online by Wednesday, February 29 and contact Belinda Lasky at blasky@bj.org for more information.

HEAR THE WHOLE MEGILLAH

Wednesday, March 7, 88th Street Sanctuary:

• Tot Puppet Show and Costume Parade • 5:30PM:

Children ages 6 and under should come dressed in their finest Purim costumes and be ready to sing, play games, and eat delicious hamentaschen as we bring in Purim!

• **Family Service • 6:00PM:** Families with children of all ages are invited to join BJ Rabbis and Hazzan for a joyous telling of the Megillah.

• Adult Megillah Reading and Celebration • 7:30PM:

BJoyous as you hear a full Megillah reading complete with a shpiel in which you will be an actor along with the BJ Rabbis and Hazzan. Following the reading there will be a celebration to remember. Costumes encouraged!

Thursday, March 8, 88th Street:

• Purim Morning Services with Megillah Reading • 7:30AM:

Continue to BJoyous as you start your day with Esther and Mordechai.

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.

CREATING KEHILLAH (continued from page 3)

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **Give the Gift of Sight: Used Eyeglasses Collection**

Friday, February 3-Sunday, February 26, anytime, 88th Street and 86th Street: Your old, used, and spare specs can make a world of a difference. Bring your old glasses to services during the month of February and drop them in the collection boxes. BJ will donate the glasses to the Jewish Guild for the Blind to benefit visually impaired people in our city. Glasses can also be dropped off at 88th Street during business hours through February 26. For more info, contact Dorothy Luft at dorothyluft@yahoo.com.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **March Tot Shabbat**

Friday, March 2, 5:15PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Families will enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service filled with singing and dancing. Services begin at 5:15PM followed by dinner at 5:45PM with Shabbat blessings and songs. Dinner will include choices for adults as well as children, with vegetarian options available; dietary laws observed. While adults finish their meals, teen volunteers will engage children in games and more songs! Register at www.bj.org by noon on Wednesday, February 29 and contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with any questions or specific dietary requests.

• **B'nai Mitzvah Journey Opening Ritual**

Saturday, March 10, 4:00-5:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Families of all 4th grade students are invited to BJ's annual B'nai Mitzvah Journey Opening Ritual, where the entire Torah will be unrolled, and each student will find the parashah (portion) that he/she will read when called to the Torah for his/her Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Rabbi Felicia Sol will lead this memorable event that brings together all 4th grade students and families as they begin their ascent toward becoming b'nai mitzvah. R.S.V.P. by registering online at www.bj.org.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Tze'irim Cooks for the Shelter**

Monday, February 20, 6:00-7:30PM, 88th Street Kitchen: Join TZ 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 (\$8-10), and no cooking experience is necessary. R.S.V.P. by Sunday, February 19 to the SA/SJ committee at tz.bnaijeshurun@gmail.com.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• **Responses to Religious Extremism in Israel:**

The Unheard Voices of Orthodox Changemakers

Wednesday, February 22, 6:30-9:00PM, JCC in Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Avenue (at 76th Street): Rabbi Roly Matalon will introduce and moderate panel discussions and a Q and A with several inspiring Orthodox activists whose voices are not commonly heard: Shira Ben-Sasson Furstenberg (New Israel Fund), Drori Yehoshua (Memizrach Shemesh), Hanah Kehat (Kolech: Religious Women's Forum), Gadi Gvanyahu (Banish the Darkness) and Batya Kahana-Dror (Mavoi Satum Dead End). They are working to build a strong and democratic Israel on the foundation of Jewish values. Entrance, which includes a light dinner, costs \$18. R.S.V.P. at www.jccmanhattan.org.

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