

קול ישורון

KOL JESHURUN



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VAYISHLAH

TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL Genesis 32:4 -36:43
 Genesis 35:16 - 36:43
 1: 35:16 - 35:26
 2: 35:27 - 35:29
 3: 36:1 - 36:8
 4: 36:9 - 36:19
 5: 36:20 - 36:30
 6: 36:31 - 36:39
 7: 36:40 - 36:43
 Maftir: 36:40 - 36:43

HAFTARAH Obaiah 1:1 - 21

NEXT WEEK: VAYESHEV

TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL Genesis 37:1 -40:23
 Genesis 39:1 - 40:23
HAFTARAH Amos 2:6 - 3:8

November 30-December 7, 2012

16-23 Kislev, 5773

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Gan/Aleph/Bet Class Dinner 5:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

Shabbat Morning Services 9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary
Bat Mitzvah Sophia Daniels
Bat Mitzvah Jane Frankel
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, DECEMBER 2

Qigong Workshop 9:00 AM – 88th St. (SEE BELOW)
Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.
Hanukkah Children's Chorus 9:30 AM – 86th St.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
BJ Hebrew School 4:00-6:00 PM
Mitzvah Fair 4:00 PM – 88th St.
BJ Israeli Book Group 7:30 PM – 89th St. (SEE P.2)
Limud: Introduction to Judaism 7:00 PM – BJ Office

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Limud: Great Jews and Their Writings 8:30 AM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)
Limud: Service of the Heart 6:30 PM – 89th St. (SEE P.3)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Limud: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis 12:30 PM (SEE P.3)
BJ Hebrew School 4:00-6:00 PM
Adult Education: Moving Past the Commercialization of Hanukkah 5:00 PM – 89th St. (SEE P.3)
Limud: Davening 101 7:00 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.3)
Limud: Contemplative Practice Classes 7:00 PM – 89th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Bim Bam 9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

• Qigong Workshop

Sunday, December 2, 9:00AM-1:30PM, 88th Street: The BJ Contemplative Hevra and Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein invite you to an introduction to Qigong, an ancient Chinese healing art that involves easy physical movements, gentle breathing and a relaxed meditative state of mind with Master Anthony Korahais, the director of the Flowing Zen Center in Florida. We'll start and end with Jewish meditation. Please arrive on time and wear comfortable clothing. There will be snacks available. Registration is required at www.bj.org. Contact Naomi at ngoodhart@bj.org with questions.

! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

• Volunteer Opportunity with BJ Reads
Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00AM, P.S. 166, 132 West 89th Street: BJ Reads offers volunteers the opportunity to make a tangible difference in the lives of elementary school children by fostering a love of reading. Volunteers work one on one with a child once a week during the school year. If you are interested and available between 9:00-10:00AM on Mondays or Wednesdays, please be in touch with the BJ Reads program chairs Ellen Schecter, ellen.schecter@gmail.com or Sandy Davidson, sandyd001@rcn.com.

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.

• New Members at Morning Minyan

Sunday, December 2, 9:30AM, 88th Street: Few BJ activities and events are as warm and intimate as the morning minyan. This is an opportunity to meet and talk to new friends in a quiet setting and to fulfill a vital mitzvah. R.S.V.P. by Friday, November 30 to blasky@bj.org.

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 YENAH^{EM}

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

- Zelda Weiss on the death of her brother, Harold Prensky.
- Alan Bernstein, Carol Bowen, and Benjamin Bernstein on the death of Alan's mother, Esther Bernstein.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Jane Frankel, her parents Sandy Kummerer and David Frankel, and her sister Charlotte Frankel on Jane becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

- Sophia Daniels, her parents Jennifer and Reuben Daniels, and her brothers Nathan and Emmett on Sophia becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

TODAH RABBAH

This week's Community Kiddush is co-sponsored by Jennifer and Reuben Daniels in honor of Sophia becoming a Bat Mitzvah, and by Sandy Kummerer and David Frankel in honor of Jane becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Hasidic Spirituality for a New Era

Sunday, December 2, 5:00-7:00PM, JCC in Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Ave at 76th Street: Hillel Zeitlin, an important neo-Hasidic thinker who was among the most famous martyrs of the Warsaw Ghetto, is virtually unknown to American Jews. Preeminent scholar on Hasidism and spirituality Rabbi Art Green, author of a new book on Zeitlin, is joined by an expert panel to explore Zeitlin's remarkable religious poetry and how it can enrich our spiritual lives today. Co-sponsored by B'nai Jeshurun. Registration is required at www.jccmanhattan.org. \$20.00 for JCC and BJ members/\$25.00 non-members.

• **BJ Israeli Book Group: Love and War in Contemporary Israeli Fiction 6 Mondays** (December 3, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 22, and May 20), 7:30-9:00PM, 89th Street: Always wanted to read novels by Israel's greatest authors? Join BJ members and Jewish studies professors Carole Balin and Jennifer Sylvor to read one book for each decade since Israel's establishment. The first selection is *A Pigeon and a Boy* by Meir Shalev. Visit www.bj.org/israelibooks or contact Orli at omoss@bj.org for details.

• Hakhanah laTefillah: Preparing for Prayer

Saturdays (December 8 and December 22), 8:45-9:20AM, 86th Street Chapel: Please join Rabbi Roly Matalon to prepare the soul and open the heart for Shabbat morning prayers through the singing of piyutim and reflections on kavannah.

• Men's Havurah

Saturday, December 15, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein invites you to the next Men's Havurah featuring Rabbi Charles Simon. Rabbi Simon has been the executive director of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs since 1981. He'll be speaking on "Intermarriage, the elephant in the room of American Jews. Is the Conservative Movement doing enough?" Please read his book *Intermarriage: Concepts and Strategies for Families and Synagogue Leaders* in advance. We'll conclude with Havdalah.

• New Members Cooking Dinner for the BJ/SPSA Shelter

Monday, December 17, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Kitchen: Join fellow new members as we concoct culinary creations for the guests of our shelter. We will work together in the BJ kitchen and cook up a storm, all while getting to know one another and experiencing the beauty of providing for those in need. R.S.V.P. by Friday, December 14 to blasky@bj.org.

• Scripture, Tradition, and Art: Jewish, Christian and Muslim Texts, Images, and Performance

4 Thursdays (February 7, 14, 21, 28), 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street: Co-sponsored by Mekusharim and the Interfaith Committee, Rabbi Lewis Warshauer will present works of art inspired by Abraham and his sons, Ishmael and Isaac, and also by the stories of Joseph. Because these stories are integral to all three faiths, we will study texts and view images of these two key narratives in order to deepen our understanding of how artists from different times and different traditions have interpreted and shared these stories. Free of charge; registration required at www.bj.org.

CREATING KEHILLAH

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• December Tot Shabbat

Friday, December 7, 5:15PM, 88th Street: Families will enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed by a dinner at 5:45PM in Frankel Hall. Dinner will include delicious choices for adults and children, with

vegetarian options. While adults are finishing their meal, teen volunteers will engage children in games and song! Register at www.bj.org by Wednesday, December 5. Contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with questions or dietary requests. Cost is \$25/adults and \$10/child for members, \$32/adults and \$12/child for non-members; all children under 2 eat free.

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CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICE AT BJ

• Contemplative Practice Classes: Creating Space for Quiet Rabbis Rachel Cowan and Marcelo Bronstein

5 Thursdays (remaining classes December 6, 13), 7:00-9:00PM, 89th St. Chapel: Regular practice for experienced meditators and instruction suitable for beginners. Free: registration required at www.bj.org.

• Contemplative Living Rooms

Mondays (remaining services December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8 and May 13), 7:00-8:30PM, at members' homes: There will be a contemplative Arvit service on the second Monday of the month with Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Rachel Cowan. Registration

is first come, first served. Location will be given upon registration at ngoodhart@bj.org.

• BJ Contemplative Retreat In Nature—Costa Rica, January, 2013

Sunday, January 20-Sunday, January 28, Costa Rica: During a week of simple living in the rich ecology of the Costa Rican rain forest we will explore Jewish Contemplative Practice as a way to connect more deeply with our soul, our truest values, and with God and God's creation. This retreat is being led by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein, Rabbi Rachel Cowan, Sol Gonzalez and local nature guides. Learn more and apply at www.bj.org/costarica.



• **Kavannot for Hanukkah**

Presents! Latkes! Gelt! Doughnuts! Songs!... Oh, and candles! These, it seems, are the essence of Hanukkah. And they are a lot, but there is so much more. Hanukkah is coming soon, coming to bring more light into this darkest time

of the year. Coming, to add light—day by day—to our lives. Sign up at www.bj.org/kavannot to receive in your inbox a daily reflection on the inner meaning of this holiday. Turn up your inner light!

• **Adult Education: Moving Past the Commercialization of Hanukkah**

Thursday, December 6, 5:00-6:00PM, 89th Street, Middle Room: How can we make Hanukkah about more than just gifts? Join Youth and Family Rabbinic Intern Bryan Wexler for a discussion on some traditions and lessons that we can add to our family celebration of Hanukkah this year to make it more meaningful and personal. Free of charge, no registration required.

• **Tze'irim Annual Hanukkah Party**

Saturday, December 8, 9:30PM, Wharf Bar & Grill, 587 Third Avenue (between 38th and 39th Streets): Celebrate 8 days of lights in one awesome night. Join Tze'irim at the Wharf Bar & Grill for a night of lights, friends, and drink specials: \$3 vodka latka shots, \$3.50 draft beers and \$4 well drinks. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org by Friday, December 7. See you there.

• **Young Families Hanukkah Celebration and Puppet Show**

Sunday, December 9, 3:30-5:30PM, 88th Street: Children's Hanukkah Chorus will begin by leading us in song. Then families will enjoy an engaging puppet show with Len Levitt, renowned puppeteer and puppet builder. Levitt is the creator and writer of *Alef...Bet...Blast-Off!*, a

series the follows Mitzvah Mouse through Jewish history, teaching values. We will conclude the evening lighting candles together. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org. Cost per family is \$18/members and \$25/non-members

• **“The Road from Valencia” Concert**

Sunday, December 9, 7:30PM, 88th Street: The New York Consort of Viols will present its highly acclaimed concert program which includes their own compositions and music played and sung in Europe and the Diaspora. Five viol players, directed by BJ member Judith Davidoff, will be joined by singer Sheila Schonbrun, lutenist Grant Herreid, and actor John Genke, who will read from Renaissance and contemporary sources. Admission is \$20; for students and seniors \$15.

• **Intergenerational Hanukkah Cabaret: Open to All**

Wednesday, December 12, 6:00-7:30PM, 88th Street: The whole community is invited to join BJ Teens and Mekusharim for an exciting evening of musical performances by teens, a sing-along with old and new favorite holiday songs, candle lighting and delicious latkes and sufganiyot. Everyone can participate in the annual intergenerational dreidel contest that is not to be missed. We look forward to seeing everyone, young and older, at this wonderful event where we will celebrate, share stories and create lasting traditions together. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org to join the fun and contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with any questions.

• **Hanukkah Community Shabbat Dinner with Ari and Shoshi**

Friday, December 14, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us as we celebrate the first night of Hanukkah as a community in an intimate setting. Hazan Ari Priven and BJ's Cantorial Intern Shoshi Rosenbaum will lead us in a joyous musical journey following a three course dinner with wine. Register at the BJ website, www.bj.org.

UPCOMING LIMUD Please visit www.bj.org for more information and to register.

• **Service of the Heart: A Study of Maimonides' Laws of Prayer**

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon
Part II, 4 Tuesdays (remaining classes December 4, 11, 18), 6:30-8:00PM, 89th Street: 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
Part II, 4 Thursdays (remaining classes December 6, 13, 20), 12:30-1:30PM Lunch and Learn (please bring your own lunch), Midtown location: We will study stories that reflect the concerns and struggles, fears and fantasies, even the dark side of our Talmudic sages. No knowledge of Hebrew required. Registration for this class is now closed.

• **Davening 101**

Jonah Geffen, BJ Rabbinic Fellow
Thursdays (through May 30), 7:00-8:30PM, BJ Office, Conference Room: The siddur is the guidebook of tefillah, and though central to our practice of prayer, the siddur is all too often difficult or impossible to access. Its structure is a mystery, its words foreign, its relevance to our own experience unclear. And yet, it is entirely knowable. Together we will explore the deep meaning of the words of our people's prayers, gain greater understanding of the structure of services, and learn the techniques and choreography of tefillah. Registration encouraged at www.bj.org.

• **Great Jews and Their Writings**

Rabbi Hillel Friedman
Tuesdays (through June 11), 8:30AM, 88th St. Sanctuary: We will study the lives and works of Jews from different periods of our history, and examine their contributions to our understanding of Judaism today. Rabbi Hillel Friedman, a longtime member of our community, has been teaching adult courses at BJ for the past nine years. Registration required: members \$100/non-members \$150 at www.bj.org.

Ana Bekhoah

Ana bekhoah gedulat yeminkha tatir tzerura
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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 Belinda Lasky, Assistant Executive Director, at x224 or blasky@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.

• **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 A column running at the end of each month highlighting a BJ member's recent achievement.



Yasher Koah Joanna Samuels! The BJ community knows Rabbi Joanna Samuels as a member and an occasional Divrei Torah giver, but her service to the Jewish community of New York extends well beyond West 88th Street. This past spring, Joanna was honored for her service by the Drisha Institute, a major center for Jewish textual study attended by students from around the world where she has both studied and taught, at its anniversary dinner. She currently serves as the Executive Director of the Manny Cantor Center of the Educational Alliance, an innovative new community center on the Lower East Side dedicated to serving this most diverse neighborhood in Manhattan. After her ordination as

a rabbi by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 2002, Joanna served as the spiritual leader of BJ's neighbor on West 66th Street, Congregation Habonim, where she led a renaissance in the life of the congregation. She then worked with Advancing Women Professionals and the Jewish Community (AWP), a non-profit tasked with empowering women in the Jewish professional field. She also served on the faculty of Yeshivat Maharat, an institution dedicated to training Orthodox women as pastoral counselors and halachic authorities. Joanna resides in New York with her husband, Jeremy Hockenstein and their children Orli and Natan.

If you know a BJ member who deserves a yasher koah, email Sue Daniels at bd4fan@gmail.com.

CREATING KEHILLAH (continued from page 2)

• Purim Auditions and First Rehearsal

Sunday, December 16, 11:00AM-3:00PM, 88th Street: Audition for the event of the year! Kids in kindergarten through sixth grade are welcome to participate. Kindergarteners through second graders will meet from 11:00-11:45AM; older children will meet through 3:00PM (lunch will be provided). To audition, please prepare a short song that shows off your voice, and be prepared to read from the script. Rehearsals will be weekly on Sunday leading up to the community performance on February 24. Email Michael Kelberg at BJHolidayshow@gmail.com with questions.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• Tze'irim Ice Skating in Bryant Park

Wednesday, December 5, 8:00-10:00PM, Citi Pond, Bryant Park: Is ice skating in New York City on your bucket list? Join Tze'irim for our Third Annual Ice Skating at Citi Pond in Bryant Park. This event fills up, so register early! Special Tze'irim rate for FastPass entry, which includes VIP admission, skate rental, and bag check, is \$15, payable upon registration. Register by Sunday, December 2 at www.bj.org/tzeirim.

• Tze'irim Serving Sunday Lunch to Seniors

Sunday, December 9, 12:00-2:30PM, Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty: Join us 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. This is a really great way to help those in need and to have a lot of fun while doing it. After we finish, we can always get some food ourselves. Register at www.bj.org/tzeirim by Thursday, December 6.

HAVUROT

• 40+ Havurah Hanukkah Dinner and Party

Monday, December 10, 6:00PM, Upper West Side location given upon

R.S.V.P.: Celebrate Hanukkah with the 40+ havurah (singles and couples), dinner, music, and optional grab bag gift exchange. Cost: \$25 by December 2; \$35 after. Space is limited. R.S.V.P. to Rose Bell at rose135ny@aol.com.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• 100 Years of Hashomer Hatzair (Zionist Socialist Youth Movement)

Sunday, December 2, 2:00-7:00PM, Taub Center for Israel Studies at NYU, 53 Washington Square South, Screening Room: See the film *Inventing Our Life*, a documentary on Kibbutz life by Toby Perl Freilich, followed by a symposium assessing the significance of Hashomer Hatzair as a political movement. Registration is required. R.S.V.P. via email to fas.taubcenter@nyu.edu, or call 212-998-8981.

• Waging Peace and Making War

Thursday, December 13, 7:30PM, The Jewish Theological Seminary, 3080 Broadway: Come celebrate Hanukkah by saluting General Norton A. Schwartz, Chief of Staff - U.S. Air Force (ret) and a former member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who will lecture on the topic: How can the United States defend its freedoms? What is required to promote peace around the world? What was it like to be the highest-ranking Jewish officer in the US military? Visit www.jtsa.org for more information.

• Special Judaica Exhibit at Columbia University

November 2012 through January 2013, Mondays through Fridays, 9:00AM-4:45PM, 535 West 114 Street: The Rare Book and Manuscript Library of Columbia University is presenting a major exhibition of Hebraica and Judaica manuscripts. This exhibit, "The People in the Books," is the first of its kind at Columbia, featuring materials from the 10th to the 20th century. It's free and open to the public. For more info contact the Librarian for Judaic Studies at 212-854-8046.

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