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VAYESHEV

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 37:1 - 40:23

TRIENNIAL Genesis 39:1 - 40:23

- 1: 39:1 - 39:6
- 2: 39:7 - 39:10
- 3: 39:11 - 39:18
- 4: 39:19 - 39:23
- 5: 40:1 - 40:8
- 6: 40:9 - 40:15
- 7: 40:16 - 40:23
- Maftir: 40:20 - 40:23

HAFTARAH Amos 2:6 - 3:8

NEXT WEEK: **MIKETZ**

SHABBAT **HANUKKAH**

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 41:1 - 44:17

TRIENNIAL Genesis 43:16 - 44:17

HAFTARAH Zechariah 2:14 - 4:07

December 7-14, 2012

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Tot Shabbat and Dinner
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

5:15 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary
6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Hakhanah laTefillah—Preparing for Prayer
Shabbat Morning Services

1ST CANDLE HANUKKAH

8:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)
9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah
Bat Mitzvah

Alexander Cohen
Mia Sternoff

Naming

Rena Lev Schwartz

Children's Services

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

Children's Kiddush
Community Kiddush

Following Services - 88th St. Frankel Hall
Following Services - 88th St. Sanctuary

Minḥa Service
Bat Mitzvah

4:15 PM - 88th St.
Sarah Rosenthal

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Morning Minyan
Hanukkah Children's Chorus
Young Families Hanukkah Celebration
and Puppet Show
"The Road From Valencia" Concert

2ND CANDLE HANUKKAH

9:30 AM - 88th St.
9:30 AM - 86th St.
3:30 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)
7:30 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

Morning Minyan
BJ Hebrew School
Limud: Introduction to Judaism

3RD CANDLE HANUKKAH

7:30 AM - 88th St.
4:00-6:00 PM
7:00 PM - BJ Office

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Morning Minyan
Limud: Great Jews and Their Writings
Limud: Service of the Heart:
A Study of Maimonides' Laws of Prayer
Hag HaBanot: A Celebration of
the Inner Light

4TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

7:30 AM - 88th St.
8:30 AM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)
6:30 PM - 89th St. (SEE P.2)
7:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Morning Minyan
Intergenerational Hanukkah Cabaret:
Open to All

5TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

7:30 AM - 88th St.
6:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

Morning Minyan
Limud: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis
BJ Hebrew School
Limud: Davening 101
Limud: Contemplative Practice Classes

6TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

7:30 AM - 88th St.
12:30 PM (SEE P.2)
4:00-6:00 PM
7:00 PM - BJ Office (SEE P.2)
7:00 PM - 89th St. Chapel (SEE P.3)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

Morning Minyan
Bim Bam

7TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

7:30 AM - 88th St.
9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 AM -
88th St. Frankel Hall

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.

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 YENAHEM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our member, Bella Rector, and we extend our sincere condolences to her entire family.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Karen Sussan, Herb and Rachel Fischer, and their entire family on the death of Karen's mother, Toby Reznick Sussan.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Mia Sternoff, her parents Smadar and Daniel Sternoff, her sister Atalya Sternoff, her brother, Ilai Sternoff, and her grandmother, Nancy Schwartz Sternoff, on Mia becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Alexander Cohen, his parents Holly Schneier and Sanford Cohen, and his sister, Joanna Cohen, on Alex becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

- Sarah Rosenthal and her parents, Lillie and Eric Rosenthal, on Sarah becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Oriyan, Jonathan, and Maya Schwartz on the naming of their daughter and sister, Rena.
- Kathy and Terry Grossman on the marriage of their son, Max Benjamin, to Holly Sharpless.
- Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Karina Zilberman on their recent marriage.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is co-sponsored by BJ in honor of the marriage of Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Karina Zilberman, and by Smadar and Daniel Sternoff in honor of Mia becoming a Bat Mitzvah, and by Holly Schneier and Sanford Cohen in honor of Alex becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- This week's Children's Kiddush is sponsored by Jonathan and Oriyan Schwartz in honor of Rena's baby naming.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• 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.

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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 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 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.



• **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!

• **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 that 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 music composed or performed by Sephardic musicians after their expulsion from Spain in 1492. 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.

• **Hag HaBanot: A Celebration of the Inner Light**

Tuesday, December 11, 7:00-8:30PM, 88th Street: Together we gather as women to celebrate Hag HaBanot (The Festival of the Daughters), an ancient Algerian, Moroccan and Tunisian Jewish celebration which falls during Hanukkah. We will light the fourth candle and enjoy latkes and sufganiyot. We invite you to bring a certified kosher vegetarian or dairy appetizer or dessert or wine to share. Registration is required at www.bj.org.

• **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 Hanukkah as a community in an intimate setting. Hazzan 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 at: www.bj.org.

• **BJ Sings Shabbat Hanukkah**

Saturday, December 15, 1:00PM, 86th Street Parlor: Make a joyful noise! Extend the beauty of your Shabbat. Come to BJ Sings after Kiddush. Jules Frankel leads us as we sing songs from old, new, and traditional repertoire. No experience or special talent is needed. If you like to sing, you belong with us.

• **Yozma Hanukkah Party**

Saturday, December 15, 6:00-8:00PM, 86th Street Social Hall: Celebrate Hanukkah with good food, singing, games, gelt and dreidels at the Yozma party for ages 35-55. Please bring a kosher dessert or beverage to share. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org by Friday, December 14.

• **Volunteer with Tze'irim at Hanukkah Brunch to Honor Holocaust Survivors**

Sunday, December 16, 10:00AM-3:00PM, 225 West 83rd Street: Join us in making this Hanukkah shine a little brighter for those who truly deserve it. Give the gift of your time this holiday and volunteer at a very special Hanukkah brunch honoring Holocaust survivors with Selfhelp Community Services. Together with other young volunteers, we'll celebrate with elderly survivors who would enjoy our company. We will have fun and make a great impact by setting up, serving and cooking the brunch food, and socializing with the seniors. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org by Thursday, December 13.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICE AT BJ

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

5 Thursdays (remaining class December 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.

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.
- **Scent-Free Policy at Services:** In consideration of the many people who have adverse respiratory reactions to the smells of perfume, cologne, and other chemicals, please refrain from wearing perfume or strong cologne to services.

• **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 2)

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• 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 BJHolidayshows@gmail.com with questions.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• 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

• 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.

Ana Bekhoah

Ana bekhoah gedulat yeminkha tatir tzerura
Kabel rinat amekha sagevenu taharenu nora

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