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MIKETZ

SHABBAT HANUKKAH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 41:1 - 44:17

TRIENNIAL Genesis 43:16 - 44:17

1: 43:16 - 43:18

2: 43:19 - 43:25

3: 43:26 - 43:29

4: 43:30 - 43:34

5: 44:1 - 44:6

6: 44:7 - 44:10

7: 44:11 - 44:17

Maftir: Numbers 7:48 - 7:53

HAFTARAH

Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7

NEXT WEEK: **VAYIGASH**

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 44:28 - 47:27

TRIENNIAL Genesis 46:27 - 47:27

HAFTARAH Ezekiel 37:15 - 28

December 14-21, 2012

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Shabbat Morning Services

Junior Congregation

Children's Services

Community Kiddush

BJ Sings Shabbat Hanukkah

Minḥa Service

Bat Mitzvah

Men's Havurah

Yozma Hanukkah Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Morning Minyan

Tze'irim Hanukkah Brunch to Honor

Holocaust Survivors

Purim Play Auditions and First Rehearsal

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

Morning Minyan

BJ Hebrew School

**New Members Cooking Dinner for the
BJ/SPSA Shelter**

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Morning Minyan

Limud: Great Jews and Their Writings

Limud: Service of the Heart:

A Study of Maimonides' Laws of Prayer

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Morning Minyan

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

Morning Minyan

Limud: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis

BJ Hebrew School

Limud: Davening 101

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

Morning Minyan

Bim Bam

1-8 Tevet, 5773

7TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Following Services - 88th St. Frankel Hall
(SEE P.3)

8TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

10:30 AM - 86th St. Social Hall

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

Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

1:00 PM - 86th St. Parlor (SEE P.3)

4:15 PM - 88th St.

Julia Mervis

5:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)

6:00 PM - 86th St. Social Hall (SEE P.3)

9:30 AM - 88th St.

10:30 AM (SEE P.3)

11:00 AM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

7:30 AM - 88th St.

4:00-6:00 PM

5:00 PM - 88th St. Kitchen (SEE P.2)

7:00 PM - BJ Office

7:30 AM - 88th St.

8:30 AM - 88th St.

6:30 PM - 89th St. (SEE P.3)

7:30 AM - 88th St.

7:30 AM - 88th St.

12:30 PM (SEE P.3)

4:00-6:00 PM

7:00 PM - BJ Office (SEE P.3)

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**

**• Holiday Toy Drive for Children Affected by
Superstorm Sandy**

BJ is participating in a toy drive for The Community Church of the Nazarene in Far Rockaway, a community deeply impacted by Superstorm Sandy. New, unwrapped toys for children ages 5-12 can be brought to any Hanukkah program held at BJ. We encourage donations to be purchased from Stationery & Toy World (125 West 72nd Street), whose owners lost an entire warehouse of goods to Superstorm Sandy and are in danger of going out of business. Email kkersey@bj.org with questions.

**• Service and Hospitality: Volunteer with the
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program**

Thursdays, 11:45AM-1:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Every Thursday at BJ we welcome guests into our synagogue for a delicious lunch, friendly companionship, and music performed by a BJ member every other week. Join our lunch program by volunteering and taking part in the warm and welcoming atmosphere we offer to our guests. To learn more about this opportunity or to volunteer contact Susan Samuels at susanzsamuels@gmail.com, Larissa Wohl at lwohl@bj.org or call x272.

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:

- Marcia Riklis on the death of her sister, Mona Ackerman.
- James Posner and Jill Prosky on the death of James' brother, Lawrence Posner.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Julia Mervis, her parents Mindy and Michael Mervis, and her brother Jake Mervis on Julia becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rachel Flitman and members of the Leadership Development Program, Australasian Union of Jewish Students, Australia.
- Rabbi Andy Gordon and 8th-10th Graders, Temple Sinai of Roslyn, Roslyn Heights, New York.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• 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.

• Hakhanah laTefillah: Preparing for Prayer

2 Saturdays each month (December 22; January 5, 26; February 9, 23; March 9, 23; April 6, 20; May 4, 18; June 1, 15), 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.

• BJ Israeli Book Group: Love and War in Contemporary Israeli Fiction

6 Mondays (remaining sessions 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 next selection is *Homesick* by Eshkol Nev. Visit www.bj.org/israelibooks or contact Orli at omoss@bj.org for details.

• Are You a New Member of BJ?

Tuesday, January 15 and Thursday, January 24, 6:30-9:00PM, location provided upon registration: If you've joined B'nai Jeshurun in the past year, we have a hand-crafted experience just for you. Our New Member Orientation Programs (NMOPs) are the way to learn all of the BJ inside info you need to know. Now is your chance to learn about our shared history and schmooze with our rabbis, hazzan, and other new members. Each NMOP is a 2-session series. R.S.V.P. to Belinda Lasky, blasky@bj.org, by January 4.

• 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

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• Give the Gift of Life at the BJ Blood Drive

Wednesday, January 16, 3:00-9:00PM, 88th Street: Twice a year we have the opportunity to provide a very important service to the community. Give the gift of life by signing up now for the BJ Blood Drive. Learn more about how you can prepare to donate and learn about any restrictions that may apply by visiting www.nybc.org. R.S.V.P. to Trudi Levine at trudi531@aol.com with the best time slot for you and with any questions.

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 BJHolidayshow@gmail.com with questions.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• Tze'irim Cooks for the Shelter

Monday, December 24, 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 Avenue). As usual, there is a suggested donation to help cover the cost of groceries (\$6-10), and no cooking experience is necessary. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org by Sunday, December 23.

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HANUKKAH AT BJ



- **Community Shabbat Hanukkah 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.

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 class December 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 class December 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.

- **Lunch and Learn: Avodah ShebaLev—Prayer of the Heart**

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

14 Tuesdays (January 8 through May 21), 12:30-1:45PM, BJ Office Conference Room: Our Hassidic Rabbis give voice to the search for authentic prayer and the possibility of being in connection with God. Join Rabbi Felicia L. Sol for an exploration of Hassidic texts on prayer and a conversation of how we might cultivate a more engaged and profound prayer life. Participants are encouraged to come for the entirety of the class but each class will stand alone so new participants are always welcome. No prior knowledge is expected. Free of charge; please register at www.bj.org.

- **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.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICE AT BJ

- **Contemplative Living Rooms**

Mondays (remaining services 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)*

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**
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 Judaica Studies at 212-854-8046.

Ana Bekhoah

Ana bekhoah gedulat yeminkha tatir tzerura
Kabel rinat amekha sagevenu taharenu nora
Na gibor dorshei yehudkha kevavat shomrem
Barkhem taharem rahamei tzidkatkha tamid gomlem
Hasin kadosh berov tuvekha nahel adatekha
Yahid ge-e le'amekha pene zokhrei kedushatekha
Shav'atenu kabel ushma tza'akatenu yode'a ta'alumot

Barukh shem kevod malkhuto le'olam va'ed

אָנאַ בִּכְחַ גְּדוּלַת יְמִינְךָ תִּתִּיר צְרוּרָה.
קַבֵּל רִנַּת עַמְּךָ, שְׂגִבְנו טְהַרְנוּ נוֹרָא.
נָא גִבּוֹר, דּוֹרְשֵׁי יְהוּדָךָ, כְּבַבְתָּ שְׂמֵרִים.
בְּרַכֶּם טְהַרֶם רַחֲמֵי צְדָקָתְךָ תְּמִיד גּוֹמְלִים.
חֲסִין קְדוֹשׁ בְּרוּב טוֹבָךָ נִהַל עֲדָתְךָ.
יְחִיד גְּאֻה לְעַמְּךָ פִּנְה זֹכְרֵי קְדוּשַׁתְךָ.
שְׂוַעַתְנוּ קַבֵּל וּשְׂמַע צַעֲקָתְנוּ יוֹדֵעַ תַּעֲלוּמוֹת.
בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Please, with Power
Please, with the power of Your great right hand
free the bound.
Accept the song of Your people, empower us,
make us pure, Awesome One!
Please, Mighty One, the seekers of Your unity,
watch them like the pupil of an eye.
Bless them, make them pure,
have mercy on them; Your justness

bestow upon them always.
Tremendous Holy One, in Your abundant
goodness lead Your community.
Unique One, Exalted One, face Your people
who remember Your holiness.
Accept our prayer, hear our cry,
Knower of secrets.
Blessed is the name
of the Glory of the Kingdom

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