

קול ישראל

KOL JESHURUN

B'nai
Jeshurun
בני ישראל

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SHEMOT

MEVARKHIM HAHODESHEH

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 1:1 - 6:1

TRIENNIAL Exodus 4:18 - 6:1

1: 4:18- 4:20

2: 4:21- 4:26

3: 4:27- 4:31

4: 5:1- 5:5

5: 5:6- 5:9

6: 5:10- 5:14

7: 5:15- 6:1

Maftir: 5:22- 6:1

HAFTARAH Isaiah 27:6 - 28:13,

29:22 - 29:23

NEXT WEEK: **VA-ERA**

ROSH HODESH SHEVAT

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 6:2 - 9:35

TRIENNIAL Exodus 8:16 - 9:35

HAFTARAH Isaiah 66:1- 24, 23

January 4-11, 2013

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

Tot Shabbat and Dinner

5:15 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

Hakhanah laTefillah—Preparing for Prayer

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

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah

Jonathan Katzman

Bat Mitzvah

Emma Caligor

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, JANUARY 6

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

7:00 PM - BJ Office

BJ Israel Book Group

7:30 PM - 89th St. (SEE P.2)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: Great Jews and Their Writings

8:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: Avodah ShebaLav—

12:30 PM - BJ Office (SEE P.3)

Prayer of the Heart

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

Limud: Davening 101

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Bim Bam

9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 AM -

88th St. Frankel Hall

! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

• **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 trudilev531@gmail.com with the best time slot for you and with any questions.

• **Make a Difference:**

Volunteer to Read with a Child

Tuesdays and Thursdays, January-May, 2:00-

4:00PM, P.S. 125, 425 West 123rd Street: The BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership is beginning the new year with two new session times in the afternoon. This a wonderful opportunity to work with elementary school-aged children one-on-one. We work to foster a love of reading and create a warm and welcoming environment for the students. You can sign up for either Tuesday or Thursday. Contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org or call x272 to learn more.

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 YENAHĒM

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

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Adam Wallach and Sofia Hubscher, their daughters Margalit and Rina, and their entire family on the death of Adam's father, Robert Wallach.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

• Jonathan Katzman, his parents Ken and Nicole Katzman, and his sister Jessica Katzman on Jonathan becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

• Emma Caligor, her parents Dan Caligor and Anne Ebersman, and her sister Lara Caligor on Emma becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
• Amy and Jason, Susan, Larry and Emily Chinitz on the birth of their daughter, granddaughter and niece, Bayla Rose Chinitz.

TODAH RABBAH

This week's Community Kiddush is co-sponsored by Nicole and Ken Katzman in honor of Jonathan becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and by Anne Ebersman and Dan Caligor in honor of Emma becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

• Rabbi Bob Loewy and Confirmation Class, Congregation Gates of Prayer, Metairie, Louisiana.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Hakhanah laTefillah: Preparing for Prayer

2 Saturdays each month (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 Israel 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.

• Paths To Parenthood: A Workshop

Wednesday, January 16, 7:00-8:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Rabbi Felicia Sol will be joined by BJ member Robin Fleischner, an adoption and assisted reproduction attorney, and Nancy Kaufman LCSW, a therapist whose practice is focused on infertility. The paths to parenthood, including adoption, in vitro fertilization, ova, sperm and embryo donation, and surrogacy raise questions from an ethical, legal, psychological and Jewish standpoint. A panel discussion will be followed by smaller breakout sessions. Free of charge; registration required at www.bj.org.

• Teaching in Memory of Shira Palmer-Sherman:

What Really Happened at Yam Suf? Lessons from the Water's Edge
Saturday, January 19, 4:30-6:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: The story of the crossing of the Red Sea is one of the most central narratives of the Jewish experience but one of the most mysterious. Through reading of a number of midrashim, we will explore how the Rabbis understood this seminal narrative and the lessons we should take from it. The teaching will be led by Rachel Rosenthal, a PhD candidate in Rabbinic Literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary and a member of the faculty at the Drisha Institute. Free. Please register at www.bj.org.

• Tu Bishvat Community Seder and Shabbat Dinner

Friday, January 25, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join BJ's Director of Israel Engagement Orli Moss and Rabbinic Fellow Adam Roffman for Shabbat Dinner and an Israeli Tu Bishvat seder. Through song, text, and ritual, we will recreate Israeli Tu Bishvat customs from the past. Participatory and spiritually uplifting, the seder will be a terrific evening for adults and children middle school age and older. Seating is limited. Cost is \$36/BJ members, \$46/non-members, \$18/children under 18. Advance registration is required at www.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.

• Refuah V'Nehama: Service for Healing and Comfort

Wednesday, February 6, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol for an evening prayer service with song, silence, study and connection devoted to healing and comfort. All are welcome—whether you are ill, praying for someone who is ill, looking for strength to get through a difficult time, seeking comfort following the death of a loved one or desiring a community of prayer. Contact Andrea at abrecker@bj.org with any questions.

• Aliyah and Kiddush to Honor BJ Volunteers

Saturday, February 9, during Shabbat morning services, 86th Street followed by Kiddush at the 88th Street Sanctuary: Each year, more than 1,000 volunteers make BJ an active and supportive community. Our 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, with a Kiddush in your honor immediately following. R.S.V.P. to Belinda Lasky at blasky@bj.org by February 4.

CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• 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.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• Bim Bam Winter Session

Fridays, January 11-May 17, 9:15-10:00AM, 10:15-11:00AM, 11:15AM-12:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Bim Bam is a pre-Shabbat class for children 3 and under to sing Hebrew and Shabbat related songs and enjoy Jewish learning activities. Every class ends with lighting Shabbat candles, kiddush and hamotzi. Register at www.bj.org for classes at 9:15, 10:15 or 11:15. Space is limited. Cost is \$270/members and \$350/non-members per family. Contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with questions. Class will not meet March 29.

• 5th and 6th Grade Class Dinner

Friday, January 11, 7:45-9:15PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join classmates and friends, new and old, at a Shabbat dinner for fifth and sixth graders, no matter where they receive their Jewish education. Please join us for services in the sanctuary beginning at 6:30PM, followed by dinner in Frankel Hall (dietary laws observed). Registration required at www.bj.org and contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with any questions or dietary concerns.

• 3rd-5th Grade Havdalah and Movie Night

Saturday, January 26, 5:30-8:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: BJ's third, fourth and fifth graders (no matter where you receive your Jewish education) and their parents are invited to come to the 88th Street Sanctuary at 5:30PM for a special Havdalah ceremony. Following Havdalah, there will be a kids-only movie night plus pizza and ice cream! The cost is \$20 per child: R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org by January 23. Contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with any questions. Fifth graders who want to stay for the 5th Grade Overnight can also register online.

• 5th Grade Mitzvah Map Overnight

Saturday, January 26-Sunday, January 27, 4:45PM-9:30AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: All 5th graders can sign up to spend the night at BJ and have a great time with new and old friends. Parents join us for Havdalah, then at 6:00PM it's kids-only, as we're joined by 3rd and 4th graders for Movie Night. In the morning, parents can join us at 9:00AM for a light breakfast. Cost for the overnight is \$30, and includes dinner, snacks, and breakfast. Register at www.bj.org by Wednesday, January 23. Contact Emily at ewalsh@bj.org with questions.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• Tze'irim Shabbat Dinner

Friday, January 18, 8:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Tze'irim is excited to announce our first catered Shabbat dinner of 2013. Join us for good food, beautiful zmirot and excellent company. Bring your friends or come make new ones. Either way, you do not want to miss this event. Cost: BJ members, \$29; non-members, \$39. Register at www.bj.org by Wednesday, January 16.

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

• 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.

• Rosh Hodesh Shevat Women's Group Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

Saturday, January 12, 12:30PM, 86th Street Chapel: Following Shabbat morning services, join Rabbi Felicia Sol and guest Rabbi

Chen Ben-Or Tsfoni from Nigun HaLev in Israel for study and conversation. Please bring a kosher dairy/vegetarian dish to share. 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 12 [Tuesday], 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.

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

• **The Long Goodbye: Protracted Illness and the Effects on Family**
Monday, January 7, 8:30AM-12:00PM, The JCC in Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Avenue: This morning conference is one in a series covering loss, grief and setting up a caring community. Keynote Speakers are Pauline Boss Ph.D., a family therapist in private practice, and Rabbi Mychal Springer, director of the Center of Pastoral Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Fee includes a kosher breakfast: \$18 for professionals; \$10 for seniors. Register at www.plazajewishcommunitychapel.org.

• **Revitalize your Career with NewVenture Entrepreneurship Program**
Wednesday, February 6, 9:00AM-1:00PM, UJA-Federation, 130 East 59th Street: The Hebrew Free Loan Society, with the support of UJA-Federation, is proud to offer the Kauffman Foundation FastTrac NewVenture Entrepreneurship Program. This is a twelve-week program for Baby Boomer professionals who have faced downsizing during the economic downturn. Cost is \$200. Space is limited. For more information, go to www.hfls.org/courses or call (212) 687-0188. Class will not meet on March 27 or April 3.

Ana Bekhoah

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

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