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MIKETZ

SHABBAT HANUKKAH

MEVARKHIM HAHODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 41:1 - 44:17

TRIENNIAL Genesis 41:1 - 41:52

1: 41:1 - 41:4

2: 41:5 - 41:7

3: 41:8 - 41:14

4: 41:15 - 41:24

5: 41:25 - 41:38

6: 41:39 - 41:43

7: 41:44 - 41:52

Maftir: Numbers 7:24 - 7:29

HAFTARAH

Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7

NEXT WEEK: **VAYIGASH**

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 44:18 - 47:27

TRIENNIAL Genesis 44:18 - 45:27

HAFTARAH Ezekiel 37:15 - 37:28

November 29-December 6, 2013 26 Kislev-3 Tevet, 5774

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Preparing for Shabbat With Song

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

3RD CANDLE HANUKKAH

6:15 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Shabbat Morning Services

4TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Bat Mitzvah

Hannah Goldberg

Shabbat Discovery and Children's Services

Community Kiddush

10:30 AM - 86th St. Parlor, Chapel, 2nd Floor

Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Morning Minyan

5TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

9:30 AM - 88th St.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

Morning Minyan

6TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins

BJ Hebrew School

Searching for Mothers as Daughters

in Our Traditions: Rosh Hodesh/Hanukkah

Celebration with Our Muslim Sisters

Community Conversations on the Environment

with Panim el Panim

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

3:30 PM and 4:45 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.4)

4:00-6:00 PM

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

6:30 PM (SEE SIDEBAR)

7:00 PM - BJ Office

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Morning Minyan

Limud: Great Jews and Their Writings

Limud: The Language of Truth

ROSH HODESH TEVET • 7TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

7:30 AM - 88th St.

8:30 AM - 88th St.

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

Yozma Grooves to the Rhythms of North Africa

Eight Nights of Lights, One Fun Happy Hour

7:30 PM - CUNY Grad Center (SEE P.2)

7:30 PM - Session 73 (SEE P.3)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Morning Minyan

ROSH HODESH TEVET • 8TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Community-wide Hanukkah Celebration

Featuring the Beit Tefilah Israeli Ensemble

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

Morning Minyan

BJ Hebrew School

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

Limud: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis

7:30 AM - 88th St.

4:00-6:00 PM

12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

12:30 PM (SEE P.3)

Limud: Sparks: Hassidic Thoughts on the

Weekly Torah Portion

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Morning Minyan

Bim Bam

7:30 AM - 88th St.

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

88th St. Frankel Hall



SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

• **Community Conversations on the Environment with Panim el Panim**

Monday, December 2 and Wednesday, December 18,

6:30-9:00PM, and Sunday, December 15,

2:30-5:00PM, R.S.V.P. for meeting locations:

Climate Change is Here: Where are we? Attend

a House Meeting. Discuss your concerns about

the environment, explore connections between

Judaism and environmental stewardship, and

consider potential BJ environmental advocacy

campaigns. Please pick a date that works for your

schedule to join this community conversation. You

can expect dinner and good discussion with BJ

members who share your concern for the envi-

ronment. To attend one of the house meetings,

R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org/greenhousemeeting or for

more information contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org

or call x272.

To register for classes and events, please visit www.bj.org.

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WEBSITE: www.bj.org

BJ's Ner Tamid at 88th St. is powered by the light of the sun.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Hannah Goldberg, her parents Barbara and Michael Goldberg, and her sisters Emily and Carly Goldberg, on Hannah becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

TODAH RABBAH

This week's Community Kiddush is supported by Barbara and Michael Goldberg in honor of Hannah becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rina Ben Natan and Confirmation Class, Alliance High School Haifa, Haifa, Israel.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Hakhanah laTefillah: Preparing for Prayer

2 Saturdays each month (remaining sessions Dec. 7 and 21), 8:45-9:25AM, 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.

• Yozma Grooves to the Rhythms of North Africa

Tuesday, December 3, 7:30PM, CUNY Grad Center Elebash Hall 365 Fifth Avenue (between 34th and 35th Streets): Join Yozma for a Sephardic music journey with the New York Andalus Ensemble's winter concert. Musicians and choir (including Yozma co-chair Debbie Leiderman) bring the audience straight to the Iberian Peninsula with engaging melodies in Ladino, Hebrew and Arabic, complete with explanations of the songs' meanings. Tickets are \$12; register at www.bj.org.

• Community Shabbat Dinner with Ari and Shoshi

Friday, December 6, following the Service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join this post-Hanukkah, three-course dinner with wine, and enjoy the company of your fellow members in an intimate setting. Hazzan Ari Priven and

BJ's Student Hazzan Shoshi Rosenbaum will lead us in a joyous musical journey! Registration on the BJ website at www.bj.org, or contact Guy at gfelixbrodt@bj.org

• Bless This House: A Holiday-ish Benefit Celebration

Monday, December 9, 7:00PM, 86th Street Sanctuary: Join singers Victoria Clark, Ari Priven, Kelli O'Hara, Greg Naughton, David Hyde Pierce, and Jane Kelly Williams for an evening of song! SPSA is raising funds to help fix the West End steps, the roof, and replace the sidewalks. Tickets: \$40/general admission; \$20/seniors and students; \$100/sponsor; \$250/patron. Tickets available at brownpapertickets.com/event/513884.

• New Members Cook Dinner for the BJ/SPSA Shelter

Tuesday, December 10, 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 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. to Monty at mmiller@bj.org by Friday, December 6.

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HANUKKAH AT BJ



• Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins

Monday, December 2, 3:30PM and 4:45PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: See event description under "Youth and Family Education," page 4.

• Searching for Mothers as Daughters in Our Traditions: Rosh Hodesh/Hanukkah

Celebration with Our Muslim Sisters

Monday, December 2, 6:30-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Each year we gather as women to celebrate Hag HaBanut (The Festival of the Daughters), an ancient Algerian, Moroccan and Tunisian Jewish celebration on Rosh Hodesh Tevet, by cooking and sharing in a festive meal. This year we have the blessing to share the evening with our Muslim sisters from ASMA. We ask everyone to contribute, members \$10/non-members \$15 for dinner, and to bring wine, appetizers or dessert. Volunteer to cook dinner, set-up or clean-up. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org/rhhanukkah.

• Yozma Grooves to the Rhythms of North Africa

Tuesday, December 3, 7:30PM, CUNY Grad Center Elebash Hall 365 Fifth Avenue (between 34th and 35th Streets): See event description under "Community Activities," page 2.

• Eight Nights of Lights, One Fun Happy Hour

Tuesday, December 3, 7:30PM, Session 73 (1359 First Avenue): Join Tze'irim for a spirited celebration of Hanukkah. Enjoy happy hour specials, dreidels, gelt, and great company. We won't have latkes, but we'll have the next best thing: vodka latke shots. Registration is free and we encourage you to invite friends. Please sign up by Monday, December 2 at www.bj.org.

• Mini-Mitzvah Moment:

Israel and Hanukkah, and a Community-Wide Celebration

Wednesday, December 4, 5:00-7:30PM, 88th Street: See event description under "Youth and Family Education," page 4.

• Community-wide Hanukkah Celebration Featuring the Beit Tefilah Israeli Ensemble

Wednesday, December 4, 6:00-7:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Celebrate the eighth night of Hanukkah at an intergenerational BJ party. Mekusharim and teens are hosting Rabbi Esteban Gottfried and the Beit Tefilah Israeli ensemble, our partners in Tel Aviv. This special evening features music from the BJ Children's Chorus, candle-lighting, Hanukkah trivia, sufganiot, latkes and more. Bring your family and friends. Registration is recommended at www.bj.org.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES *(continued from page 2)*

• **God, Wonder, and a Passion for Justice: The Spiritual Legacy of Abraham Joshua Heschel**

Tuesday, December 10, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Sanctuary: Join us for a remarkable evening of conversation as Rabbi Roly Matalon interviews Rabbi Shai Held about Heschel and his theological and spiritual legacy. We'll talk about wonder, revelation, the nature of God, the meaning of prayer, the call to social justice and more. In partnership with Mechon Hadar. Free and open to the public. Registration suggested at www.bj.org.

• **New Member Orientation Programs**

Tuesday, January 14 and Thursday, January 23, 6:30-9:00PM, Location provided upon registration: If you've joined B'nai Jeshurun in the past year, the New Member Orientation Programs are the best way to meet new and current BJ members, become involved with meaningful programs at BJ, and hear the history and music of your community. Register with Monty at mmiller@bj.org by Monday, January 6.

Friday, December 13: Three Gateways to Shabbat

Join us for one of three different Kabbalat Shabbat services on the second Shabbat of every month:

■ **Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

6:00PM • 89th Street 3rd Floor

This one-hour service will welcome Shabbat with prayers, songs, and stories, engaging families with children in grades K-8. A dinner will follow; register at www.bj.org.

■ **Alternative/Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

6:30PM • 89th Street Reception Room

Soulful singing will begin at 6:15PM. This service will involve meditation, reflection, deep listening and personal engagement with the parashah. A dinner will follow; register at www.bj.org.

■ **Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

6:30PM • 88th Street Sanctuary

For those who wish to come 15 minutes early, we will begin with spiritual preparation by singing beautiful Shabbat melodies.

CREATING KEHILLAH

■ SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **Upcoming Economic Justice and Aging in NY Hevra Meetings**

Aging in NY Hevra: Wednesday, January 8, 6:30-9:00PM, R.S.V.P. for meeting location. **Economic Justice Hevra: Tuesday, December 3**, 6:30-9:00PM, R.S.V.P. for meeting location: The Economic Justice Hevra and Aging in NY Hevra are part of Panim el Panim, BJ's Community Organizing and Advocacy Initiative. Join the Economic Justice Hevra to get involved in our new Justice for Farmworkers Campaign and the Aging in NY Hevra to get involved with our Elder Care Campaign. If you are interested in attending one of these meetings or have questions, please contact Amy at alavine@thetaskforce.org for Economic Justice or Ellen at ejlands@hotmail.com for Aging in NY.

• **Give the Gift of Life at the BJ Blood Drive**

Wednesday, December 11, 3:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: 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 at trudi1531@aol.com or call x272 with the best time slot for you and with any questions.

• **Upcoming Elder Care Dialogue**

Wednesday, December 11, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th St. Frankel Hall: Join the Aging in NY Hevra in our next Elder Care dialogue, which will continue to engage care workers and care receivers from BJ and partner organizations in meaningful discussion and collaboration. We are preparing to launch new innovative worker and consumer training in elder care. To R.S.V.P. or for information, contact Ellen at ejlands@hotmail.com or call x259.

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

• **Lunch and Learn: The Language of Truth: The Gerer Rebbe's Commentary on Parashat HaShavua (The Weekly Torah Portion)** **Rabbi Felicia L. Sol**

9 Tuesdays (remaining classes December 3, 10), 12:30-1:45PM, BJ Office, Conference Room: Join Rabbi Felicia L. Sol to study the weekly parashah for an exploration of the Hassidic commentary to delve deeper into the richness of our tradition while exploring our own spirituality through these texts. Each class will stand alone so new participants are welcome. All texts will be translated. Free of charge. Register at www.bj.org.

• **Lunch and Learn: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis** **Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon**

7 Thursdays (remaining classes December 5, 12), 12:30-1:30PM: We will study stories that reflect the concerns and struggles, fears and fantasies, and dark side of our Talmudic sages. We will attempt to look at ourselves in the mirror of the Talmud to understand and confront our own nature. Free of charge. Registration is closed.

• **Sparks: Hassidic Thoughts on the Weekly Torah Portion** **Alex Braver, BJ Rabbinic Fellow**

Thursdays (through May 22), 7:00-9:00PM, BJ Office, Conference Room: The Hassidic masters of 18th-early 20th century Europe believed that a hidden divine spark could be found in everything. Together, we will learn some of their teachings on the weekly Torah portion, and explore the ways their words might affect us in a deeply personal way. Free of charge. Register at www.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 sliding scale 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.

• **"BJ Speak" Glossary:** Do you have questions about commonly used words and phrases at BJ? We have the answer: a BJ Speak Glossary. Visit the back of the 88th Street Sanctuary for a laminated sheet filled with definitions and explanations of everything you want to know. Brought to you by the Education and Communications Team.

• **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: The morning minyan is an opportunity to experience BJ tefillah in a more intimate setting and a wonderful way to get to know one another better. Please make every effort to attend so our members are able to say kaddish with the required minyan and in a supportive environment. Learn more and find the current schedule at www.bj.org/minyan.

CREATING KEHILLAH *(continued from page 3)*

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins

Monday, December 2, 3:30PM and 4:45PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join Play Me a Story as they tell how Hershel outwits the goblins that prevent the villagers from celebrating Hanukkah in a show featuring Klezmer-style music! The 3:30PM show is for families with children 5 and younger; the 4:45PM show is for families with children in K-2. Register at www.bj.org.

• Mini-Mitzvah Moment:

Israel and Hanukkah, and a Community-Wide Celebration

Wednesday, December 4, 5:00-7:30PM, 88th Street: Enjoy a light dinner with Orli Moss, BJ's Director of Israel Engagement, and uncover the myths and facts about Israel's connection to Hanukkah. After dinner, we'll join the BJ community to celebrate the eighth night of Hanukkah and a concert with Rabbi Esteban Gottfried and the Beit Tefilah Israeli ensemble, our partners in Tel Aviv. This celebration also includes music from the BJ Children's Chorus, candle-lighting, Hanukkah trivia, sufganiot, latkes and more. Register at www.bj.org.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• First Tze'irim Shabbat Dinner of 5774

Friday, December 13, 8:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: After welcoming Shabbat at B'nai Jeshurun's exuberant, lively services, stay for dinner with Tze'irim. We'll keep the spirit of Shabbat going with songs, wine, conversation and new friends. Cost: BJ members, \$29; non-members, \$39. Register at www.bj.org by Tuesday, December 10.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• The 17th Annual Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Risk Taker Awards

Thursday, December 5, 6:00PM cocktails; 7:00PM program, 88th Street Sanctuary: This year Jews for Racial & Economic Justice will be honoring Communities United for Police Reform, the unprecedented, multi-sector campaign for accountable policing; Alan Levine, passionate representative of movement activists and marginalized communities since the 60s; and Rinku Sen, visionary author, activist, publisher of Colorlines, and President and Director of Applied Research Center.

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