

קול ישראל

KOL JESHURUN



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BJ RABBINIC FELLOWS: Alex Braver • Sarit Horwitz
BJ STUDENT HAZZAN: Shoshi Rosenbaum

VAYIGASH

TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL	Genesis 44:18 - 47:27
	Genesis 44:18 - 45:27
1:	44:18 - 44:20
2:	44:21 - 44:24
3:	44:25 - 44:30
4:	44:31 - 44:34
5:	45:1 - 45:7
6:	45:8 - 45:18
7:	45:19 - 45:27
Maftir:	45:25 - 45:27
HAFTARAH	Ezekiel 37:15 - 37:28

NEXT WEEK: VAYEHI

TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL	Genesis 47:28 - 50:26
	Genesis 47:28 - 48:22
HAFTARAH	I Kings 2:1 - 2:12

December 6-13, 2013

3-10 Tevet, 5774

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Preparing for Shabbat With Song	6:15 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
Community Shabbat Dinner with Ari and Shoshi	Following Service – 88th St. Frankel Hall

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Hakhanah laTefillah—Preparing for Prayer	8:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel [SEE P.2]
Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary
Aliyat <u>H</u>atan veKallah	Ted Geiger and Debbie Leiderman
Shabbat Discovery and Children's Services	10:30 AM – 86th St. Parlor, Chapel, 2nd Floor
K-2 Families Lunch	12:00 PM – 86th St. Chapel
Community Kiddush	Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall
Minha Service	4:15 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
Bat Mitzvah	Eliza Brail

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88th St.
Hanukkah Brunch to Honor Holocaust Victims	10:30 AM – 225 W.83rd St. [SEE P.4]

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
BJ Hebrew School	4:00-6:00 PM
Bless this House: Benefit Celebration for SPSA	7:00 PM – 86th St. [SEE P.2]
Limud: Introduction to Judaism	7:00 PM – BJ Office

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Limud: Great Jews and Their Writings	8:30 AM – 88th St.
Limud: The Language of Truth	12:30 PM – BJ Office [SEE P.3]
New Members Cook for the Shelter	5:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall [SEE P.2]
God, Wonder, and a Passion for Justice	7:00 PM – 88th St. [SEE P.2]

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
BJ Blood Drive	3:00-9:00 PM – 88th St. [SEE SIDEBAR]
Elder Care Dialogue	7:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall [SEE SIDEBAR]

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
BJ Hebrew School	4:00-6:00 PM
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program	12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Limud: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis	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 13

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, 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.

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

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Eliza Brail, her parents Julie and David Brail, her brother Jordan Brail, and her sisters Marisa, Lindsey, and Carly Brail, on Eliza becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Debbie Leiderman and Ted Geiger on their upcoming wedding.
- John Ruskay, who was presented with the Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, by HUC-JIR at the 2013 Dr. Fritz Bamberger Memorial Lecture.

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.

• 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.

• 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.

• BJ Sings in December

Saturday, December 14, 1:00-2:30PM, 86th Street Parlor: It may be cold outside, but the warmth of Shabbat continues after Kiddush. Join BJ Sings for an hour of Jewish music that will warm your heart.

- Lawrence Goldberg and Eve Birnbaum on the birth of their grandson, Joseph Pe'er.

TODAH RABBAH

This week's Community Kiddush is supported by Debbie Leiderman and Ted Geiger in honor of their upcoming wedding.

Shabbat from Eve to End

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 Gym

Families with children in elementary and middle school are invited to join Rabbi Felicia Sol and Hazzan Ari Priven in welcoming Shabbat at our family-friendly Friday night service. The service will last about an hour, followed by dinner at 89th Street. Register at www.bj.org for the dinner, and contact Kristen at x260 with questions or dietary needs.

■ Alternative/Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30PM • 89th Street Reception Room

Soulful singing will begin at 6:15PM. Led by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein, this service will involve meditation, reflection, deep listening and personal engagement with the parashah. The service will be followed by dinner in the 89th Street Middle Room. Register at www.bj.org for the dinner or contact Billie Di Stefano, bdistefano@bj.org, with questions.

■ 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.

Saturday, December 21: Shabbat Afternoon

• Family Programming

Saturday, December 21, 2:00-5:00PM, 89th Street: Join us for music, games and other family activities, ending with Havdalah.

• Shira Yoga: An Integrated Practice for Body and Soul Shuli Passow and Dan Nadel

One Saturday a month—next session Saturday, December 21, 3:45PM (begins 90 minutes before the end of Shabbat), 89th Street Middle Room: Bring voice, breath and body together in these sessions that will combine two devotional practices: Asana Yoga and Piyut (Hebrew liturgical poetry). Limited number of yoga mats available; please bring your own if you have one. No experience necessary. Please register at www.bj.org.

• Seudah Shlishit Tisch

Saturday, December 21, 3:45PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Join BJ Rabbinic Fellows Alex Braver and Sarit Horwitz for a Seudah Shlishit (3rd meal of Shabbat) Tisch, filled with singing, learning, and some snacks. We'll teach some new tunes and sing some familiar ones, have some time for schmoozing, and learn some exciting text together on the week's parashah. We'll conclude by joining the rest of the community for Havdalah at 5:15PM.

CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• Upcoming Aging in NY Hevra Meeting

Aging in NY Hevra: Wednesday, January 8, 6:30-9:00PM, R.S.V.P. for meeting location: The Aging in NY Hevra is part of Panim el Panim, BJ's Community Organizing and Advocacy Initiative. Join the Aging in NY Hevra to get involved with our Elder Care Campaign. If you are interested in attending this meeting or have questions, please contact Ellen at ejlands@hotmail.com.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• Mini-Mitzvah Moment:

Serve Guests at the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

Monday, December 16, 6:00-9:00PM, 88th Street: Many of you have cooked for our shelter guests, but few have had the honor of hosting them during dinner. Educators Blair Nosan or Natalie Sela will lead a discussion about the mitzvah of Hakhnassat Orh'im, Welcoming Guests, before you serve our guests. Each Mitzvah Moment is limited to two families in order to respect our guests' space; we'll continue to offer it throughout the year to make widely available. Register at www.bj.org.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• Hanukkah Brunch to Honor Holocaust Survivors

Sunday, December 8, 10:30AM-3:00PM, 225 West 83rd Street: Make Hanukkah shine a little brighter for those who truly deserve it. Together with Tze'irim and other volunteers, we will help set up, cook and serve food, and most importantly, socialize with the honorees. Any time you can give is appreciated, but you do not have to stay for the entire brunch. The survivors will be coming at 12:00PM. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• The Voice of the Woman in Jewish Folktales and Songs

Saturday, December 7, performances at both 8:00PM and 9:00PM, John Jay College: Storyteller Peninnah Schram and singer/guitarist Gerard Edery will present this program at the JOFA (the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance) Conference. For information and registration visit www.JOFA.org.

• Get Excited for Limmud NY 2014!

February 14-17, Hilton Stamford Hotel, Stamford, CT: Join hundreds of Jews of all ages and backgrounds for a four-day festival celebrating the rich diversity of Jewish culture, life and learning through art, music, text study, film, hands-on workshops, performances and more. Enjoy programming for the whole family including babysitting and children's camp. All meals are Glatt kosher. Financial aid and student pricing are available. The venue is easily accessible by Amtrak and Metro North Railroad. Register at www.limmudny.org.

ISRAEL

Visit www.bj.org/israel to find out about BJ's engagement with Israel and for up-to-date information on Israel Programs. To learn more, contact Orli Moss, Director of Israel Engagement, at omoss@bj.org or at x229.

• A Tribute To Arik Einstein

Sunday, December 8, 8:00PM, The JCC in Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Avenue: The celebrated Israeli artist passed away on November 26 leaving behind millions of inspired fans, young and old, around the world. With songs like "Ani V'ata Neshane et Ha'otam" Einstein inspired generations with his legacy. Join us as the community comes together to honor the life and work of Arik Einstein with an evening of his songs, clips, stories and special guests. Co-Presented by the JCC, BJ and others. The event is free but space is limited. Please register at www.jccmanhattan.org.

• Come Meet Israelis Through "Zug," The Online Hevruta Project

Any day of the week, at a time convenient to you, in the comfort of your home: Project Zug (pronounced zoog, "pair" in Hebrew) brings together Israelis and American Jews in online hevruta to learn about a diverse range of Jewish topics of their choice, including Rabbinic Literature, Art and Philosophy. Project Zug pairs will meet weekly for 30 minutes for three months. Texts and other interactive materials are provided. The cost is discretionary from \$36 to \$180. For more information and to register visit www.projectzug.org. Registration closes December 31.

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 class December 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 class December 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.

Haḥamah merosh ha-ilanot nistaleka
bo-u venetze likrat shabbat hamalkah.
Hineh hi yoredet hakedosha, haberukha,
ve'imah mal-akhim tzva shalom umnuḥah.
Bo-i, bo-i, hamalkah, bo-i, bo-i, hakalah.
Shalom aleikhem mal-akhei hashalom.

Kibalnu penei shabbat birnanah utfilah,
habaitah nashuva, belev male gilah.
Sham arukh hashulḥan, hanerot ya-iru,
kol pinot habayit yizraḥu, yazhiru.
Shabbat shalom umvorakh, shabbat shalom umvorakh,
bo-akhem leshalom, mal-akhei hashalom.

Hamalakh hago-el oti mikol-ra
yevarekh et-hane'arim veyikare vahem shemi
veshem avotai Avraham veYitzhak
veyidgu larov bekerev ha-aretz.

— Genesis 48:16

The Angel who has redeemed me from all harm
Bless the lads. In them may my name be recalled,
And the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac,
And may they be teeming multitudes upon the earth.

הַחֲמָה מֵרֹאשׁ הָאֵילָנוֹת נִסְתַּלְקָה
בָּאוּ וְנִצְא לְקִרְאֵת שַׁבַּת הַמַּלְכָּה.
הִנֵּה הִיא יוֹרֵדֶת הַקְּדוֹשָׁה, הַבְּרוּכָה,
וְעִמָּהּ מַלְאָכִים צְבֵא שְׁלוֹם וּמְנוּחָה.
בּוֹאִי, בּוֹאִי, הַמַּלְכָּה, בּוֹאִי, בּוֹאִי, הַכֹּלָה.
שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם מַלְאָכֵי הַשְּׁלוֹם.

קִבַּלְנוּ פְּנֵי שַׁבַּת בִּרְנָנָה וְתִפְלָה,
הַבַּיִתָּה נְשׁוּבָה. בְּלֵב מְלֵא גִילָה.
שָׁם עָרוּךְ הַשְּׁלֶחָן, הַנֵּרוֹת יִאִירוּ,
כָּל-פְּנוֹת הַבַּיִת יִזְרְחוּ, יִזְהִירוּ.
שַׁבַּת שְׁלוֹם וּמְבֻרָךְ, שַׁבַּת שְׁלוֹם וּמְבֻרָךְ,
בְּאַכְס לְשְׁלוֹם, מַלְאָכֵי הַשְּׁלוֹם.

הַמַּלְאָךְ הַגָּאֵל אֶתִּי מִכָּל-רָע
יְבָרֵךְ אֶת-הַנְּעָרִים וַיִּקְרָא בְּהֵם שְׁמִי
וַשֵּׁם אֲבֹתַי אַבְרָהָם וַיִּצְחָק
וַיְדַגּוּ לְרֹב בְּקִרְבֵּי הָאָרֶץ :

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