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MISHPATIM

MEVARKHIM HAHOODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 21:1 - 24:18

TRIENNIAL Exodus 21:1 - 22:3

1: 21:1 - 21:6

2: 21:7 - 21:11

3: 21:12 - 21:19

4: 21:20 - 21:27

5: 21:28 - 21:32

6: 21:33 - 21:36

7: 21:37 - 22:3

Maftir: 21:37 - 22:3

HAFTARAH Jeremiah 34:8 - 34:22,
33:25 - 33:26

NEXT WEEK: **TERUMAH**

ROSH HOODESH ADAR I

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 25:1 - 27:19

TRIENNIAL Exodus 25:1 - 25:40

HAFTARAH Isaiah 66:1 - 66:24

**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE
OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK**

• **Dorot Winter Package Delivery**

Sunday, February 2, 10:30AM-1:30PM, Brandeis High School, 145 West 84th Street: Join us for an afternoon of visiting with and delivering care packages to local seniors. We will gather for a brief orientation before we break up into groups. It's a wonderful opportunity to engage with people in our local Jewish community and to spend time with those who may not otherwise have many visitors. For more information and to sign up, please contact Larissa at twohl@bj.org or call x272.

**Save the Date: Shabbat March 21-22
in Memory of Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer**

Join the B'nai Jeshurun community on the Shabbat of March 21-22 as we commemorate Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer's life and work. Twenty years after his death, we honor him as we continue to build on his vision for BJ. Stay tuned for details about this special Shabbat.

SAVE THE DATES:

**2014 BJ Retreats at Isabella Freedman Jewish
Retreat Center**

Community Retreat: Friday, May 23-Sunday, May 25

Women's Retreat: Friday, June 6-Sunday, June 8
More details to come.

January 24-31, 2014

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

MonoTasking: The Art of Being Present Retreat in Costa Rica (through Jan. 26)

Preparing for Shabbat With Song

6:15 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Hakhanah laTefillah—Preparing for Prayer

8:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.3)

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah

Benjamin Singer

**Shabbat Discovery and Children's Services
Community Kiddush in Honor of Volunteers**

10:30 AM - 86th St. Parlor, Chapel, 2nd Floor
Following Services - 88th St. Sanctuary (SEE P.2)

SHABBAT FROM EVE TO END (see page 2):

Children's Creative Play Studio

3:00 PM - 89th St. Reception Room

Board Games

3:00 PM - 89th St. Room 202

Drum Circles

3:30 and 4:30PM - 89th St. Third Floor

Open Gym

3:00 PM - 89th St. Gym

**Shira Yoga: An Integrated Practice
for Body and Soul**

4:15 PM - 89th St. Middle Room

Kol Nidre in Mihalifalva: A Memory Cantata

4:15 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Gather for Havdalah

5:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

3rd-6th Grade Havdalah and Movie Night

5:15 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

5th Grade Overnight

5:15 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St.

Purim Play Rehearsals

10:00 AM - 88th St.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

Tze'irim Cooks for the Shelter

6:00 PM - 88th St. Kitchen (SEE P.4)

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

7:00 PM - BJ Office

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: The Language of Truth

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

Watermarks Film Screening

7:00 PM - 89th St. Reception Room (SEE P.3)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Tze'irim Happy Hour

6:30 PM - Common Ground (SEE P.4)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

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: Sparks: Hassidic Thoughts on the
Weekly Torah Portion**

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Bim Bam

ROSH HOODESH ADAR I

7:30 AM - 88th St.

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

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM

The Community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Alice and Jon Fisher, and their entire family, on the death of Alice's mother, Estelle Markan.

MAZAL TOV

- Benjamin Singer, his parents Lori Beth and Michael Singer, and his brothers Max, Jonah and Dylan Singer, on Benjamin becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Joni Brenner on receiving semikha from Reb Zalman Shachter-Shalomi as a Rabbinic Chaplain.
- Amy Cohen Rubinton on her position as Artist-in-Residence this semester at the Heschel School.
- Nicole Marshall and Joshua Weisstuch on the birth of their daughter, Eleanor Sari Weisstuch. We also extend a Mazal Tov to the grandparents, Diane and Mark Weisstuch.

TODAH RABBAH

This week's Community Kiddush is co-sponsored by BJ in honor of its many dedicated volunteers, and by Michael and Lori Beth Singer in honor of Ben becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Mitchell Delcaw and Confirmation Class, Temple Judea of Bucks County, Furlong, Pennsylvania.
- Rabbi Jeffrey Wildstein and Ninth and Tenth Grade Classes, Temple Beth David, Westwood, Massachusetts.
- Rabbi Jodi Sewald Smith and Confirmation Class, Temple Chayai Shalom, South Easton, Massachusetts.

Saturday, January 25:

SHABBAT FROM EVE TO END

■ Honoring Our Wonderful BJ Volunteers with an Aliyah and Kiddush

Saturday, January 25, at Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Sanctuary followed by Kiddush at 88th Street Sanctuary: What makes BJ such a vibrant, energetic and creative community? No doubt it's the hundreds of volunteers who give their time and imagination to programs, projects, and committee initiatives. We invite all BJ volunteers together for the honor of being called to the Torah for an aliyah during Shabbat services, with a very special Kiddush immediately following. Let's celebrate the people who inspire our community!

■ Children's Creative Play Studio

Saturday, January 25, 3:00-4:15PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Young children and families can play in this open space with an inspired collection of creative and natural materials. Early Childhood Specialist and "Play Curator" Linda White will facilitate and create this interactive, indoor play space for children that is not to be missed.

■ Drum Circles

Saturday, January 25, 3:30-4:30PM, 4:30-5:15PM, 89th Street Third Floor Classroom: Make a little music with drummer and Jewish educator Shoshana Jedwab this Shabbat. A drum circle for families with elementary school children (ages 7 and up) will be held at 3:30PM, with a drum circle for families with young children (ages 0-6) at 4:30PM. Drums will be provided — the only thing you need to bring is rhythm!

■ Board Games

Saturday, January 25, 3:00-5:15PM, 89th Street Room 202: Fancy playing a game of checkers on Shabbat afternoon? How about an epic Connect Four battle? The choice is yours! Come check out our game room, directly across from the gym, and get in a little play time.

■ Open Gym

Saturday, January 25, 3:00-5:30PM, 89th Street Gym: All are welcome to enjoy the third floor gym facilities for some open gym time. Put together a game of pickup basketball or just practice your slam dunk.

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

Saturday, January 25, 4:15PM, 89th Street Middle Room: We will study a new piyut, sing, chant together and explore the piyut's theme through an embodied yoga practice. No experience necessary, all are welcome. Limited number of yoga mats available; please bring your own if you have one. Please register at www.bj.org.

■ Kol Nidre in Mihalifalva: A Memory Cantata

Saturday, January 25, 4:15PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: A little girl is wandering through the Transylvanian village of Mihalifalva, winding her way towards the synagogue on the evening of Kol Nidre. Her story is told in a new work by musician Jeremiah Lockwood, actor Debra Winger, and visual artist Andrea Dezsö. Employing storytelling, choral music and visual art, this new piece uncovers a fairy tale world of memory. Join us for a premiere of an excerpt of this work-in-progress.

■ Gather for Havdalah

Saturday, January 25, 5:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Please join us at Havdalah, where we mark the separation between the sacred time of Shabbat and the ordinary time of the week. We will gather before the end of Shabbat to sing, pray, and search for something special from this Shabbat that we want to carry with us into the week.

■ 3rd-6th Grade Havdalah and Movie Night

Saturday, January 25, 5:15-8:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: End Shabbat with a movie night and pizza party! BJ's third through sixth graders and their families are invited to join together with the rest of the community for Havdalah in the 88th Street Sanctuary at 5:15PM. Following Havdalah, children will enjoy *Despicable Me 2* in Frankel Hall, plus pizza and ice cream. Registration is now closed.

■ 5th Grade Overnight

Saturday, January 25-Sunday, January 26, 5:15PM-9:00AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: All 5th graders are invited to spend the night at BJ and have a great time with new and old friends. Parents should stay for Havdalah, and then at 6:00PM it's kids-only, as we're joined by 3rd-6th graders for Movie Night. In the morning, parents can join us at 9:00AM for a light breakfast. Registration is now closed.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Hakhanah laTefillah: Preparing for Prayer

Every other Saturday (January 25; February 8, 22; March 8, 22; April 5, 19; May 3, 17, 31; June 14), 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.

• Watermarks Film Screening

Tuesday, January 28, 7:00PM, 89th Reception Room: Mekusharim invites you to a showing of the fascinating documentary *Watermarks*, the story of women from the Hokoah Vienna swim team. They dominated national swim competitions in the 1930s until the rise of the Nazi regime in 1938. The swimmers fled Austria to Palestine, England and the USA. Eight of the women were reunited by Yaron Zilberman, the director and co-author. He will join us for a conversation and a Q&A session. Cost: \$8; register at www.bj.org.

• PURIM 5774: BGenerous, BJoyous!

This year, we are introducing an online database, HappyPurim.com, for sending Mishloah Manot wishes to your friends in the BJ community. HappyPurim.com is used by a variety of synagogues and schools to help streamline the process. Should you wish to opt-out of having your name available in this database to receive Mishloah Manot wishes, please let Beth Tarson, x233 or btarson@bj.org, know by Thursday, January 30.

• Translating Heschel for Israel

Saturday, February 1, 12:30 PM, 86th Chapel: Dror Bondi grew up on a West Bank settlement and demonstrated against Yitzhak Rabin. But after Rabin's assassination, he searched for another way — and found it in Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. Having now received his PhD, Bondi will speak about the inherent challenges of translating the spiritual English of Heschel into the Modern Hebrew of Israel, as well as how he believes this translation is going to change Israel.

• "I Shall Walk Before Hashem in the Lands of the Living":

Tahara Liturgy as Preparation for the Journey

Thursday, February 6, 7:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: In our tradition, Zayin Adar (the 7th of Adar) is the date assigned to the birth and death of Moses. Join us for the sixth annual Zayin Adar learning event in memory of Helen Radin, z"l, honoring the work of BJ's Hevra Kadisha. This year's teaching will be led by Dr. Eliezer Diamond, Associate Professor of Talmud and Rabbinitics at The Jewish Theological Seminary. Free and open to the public.

• Bo-i Kallah — A Monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, February 7, 6:15PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Rabbi Roly Matalon and musician Dan Nadel will lead an alternative Kabbalat Shabbat service on the first Friday evening of each month. With the help of soulful melodies, verses of Shir haShirim (Song of Songs), liturgical poems and Psalms we will transition gently and with full kavannah from hol to kodesh — leaving the ordinary work-week consciousness in order to enter holy time and welcome Shabbat.

• Shabbat Dinner with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller:

Pew and God: The Danger of Jewish Secularism

Friday, February 7, following services, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller as he discusses the recent Pew study which substantiated the claim that Jews are the "least religious" religious group in the US. The consequences are an across-the-board thinning of Jewish markers of identity including a weakening of commitment to Jewish peoplehood. Rabbi Seidler-Feller proposes that reengaging God will not only elevate the spirit but enrich and deepen the full range of social, political and cultural expression. BJ members, \$36; non-members, \$46. Register at www.bj.org.

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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

12 Tuesdays (remaining classes January 28, February 4; February 18 through April 8), 12:30-1:45PM, BJ Office, Conference Room: Study the weekly parashah through the commentary of the Sefat Emet, Rabbi Yehuda Leib Alter of Gur. Join Rabbi Felicia L. Sol for an exploration of this Hassidic commentary to delve deeper into the richness of our tradition while exploring our own spirituality through these texts. 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. All texts will be translated. Free of charge. Please register at www.bj.org.

• Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Adar:

Just Say No: An Exercise in the Inner Vashti

Thursday, January 30, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Bring a joyous offering (a festive beverage, dairy vegetarian snack/sweet) to welcome in the month of Adar with Rabbi Felicia Sol and Rabbinic Fellow Sarit Horwitz. Increase the joy, meet Vashti in the megillah, and let the Vashti in you call out.

• The Tribes of Israel: A Shared Homeland for a Divided People Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

9 Wednesdays (February 5 to April 2), 7:00-8:45PM, 89th Street Middle Room: Rabbi Roly Matalon will teach the Shalom Hartman

Institute's iEngage 2.0 curriculum, exploring the challenges of creating a shared common space in the State of Israel for a people divided along religious, ideological, national and geographic lines. For BJ members only. Priority to those who completed last year's iEngage 1.0 course. Cost is \$60. Registration is now closed. To be put on the waitlist, please email Jessica at jmelhado@bj.org.

• "Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis" Lunch and Learn

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

7 Thursdays (February 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27), 12:30-1:30PM, location provided upon registration: We will study stories that reflect the concerns and struggles, fears and fantasies, even the dark side of our Talmudic sages. We will attempt to look at ourselves in the mirror of the Talmud in order to understand and confront our own nature. No knowledge of Hebrew is required. Please bring your own lunch. Registration is closed; contact jmelhado@bj.org to be added to the waitlist.

• Sparks: Hassidic Thoughts on the Weekly Torah Portion

Alex Braver, BJ Rabbinic Fellow

Thursdays (through May 15), 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.

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.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• BJ FAQ

Saturday, February 8, 12:15-1:15PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Get all your B'nai Jeshurun questions answered at this open forum. BJ's membership volunteers and staff will be on hand to respond to all your inquiries. Don't miss this chance to find out what makes the BJ community tick and take your involvement to the next level! Sign up by contacting Monty Miller at mmiller@bj.org or call x250.

• Teaching with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller:

David Hartman's Judaism: A Religion for Humans, Not for God

Saturday, February 8, 4:00-6:00PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Rabbi David Hartman taught a Judaism that focused not on obedience to the Divine word but on the Divine challenge to aspire to Godliness. On the occasion of Rabbi Hartman's first yahrzeit, join Rabbi Seidler-Feller as we examine a selection of his innovative teachings that elaborate his "humane theism."

• The Visual Arts and Music in the Land of Israel: Legacy and Innovation

Monday, February 10, 6:30-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: The State of Israel did not burst fully formed into the world. It was the product of centuries of history and influences from many sources. The cultural life of the new country embodied elements that came from Europe and elsewhere that were transformed into a uniquely Israeli mix. Join Mekusharim and Lewis Warshauer as we explore the sources and creations of pioneering visual artists and musicians that made Israel a particularly fruitful country in more ways than land alone. Free; please register at www.bj.org.

• New Members Volunteer at the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

Thursday, February 20, 11:00AM-1:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join other new members in this delicious, friendly and inter-generational effort and serve lunch to our West Side guests. We care for both body and soul by providing our guests with a meal in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Carry a tray, serve soup, or strike up a conversation. To sign up, contact Monty Miller at mmiller@bj.org or call x250.

• Night of 100 Dinners: Be a Host!

Saturday, March 8, 6:30PM Dinner, 8:00PM Dance Party: Announcing the return of the Night of 100 Dinners! BJ member-hosted dinners and a gala Rabbis' dinner will be followed by the After-Dinner Dance Party at 88th Street featuring great dance music, fabulous desserts, fun raffles, the presentation of the Spirit of BJ Award to Steve Stulman and a few other

surprises. Visit www.bj.org/100dinners. Learn about being a host and sign up at www.bj.org/hostadinner.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• February Tot Shabbat

Friday, February 7, 5:15PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Families will enjoy a kid-friendly service filled with singing and dancing, followed by dinner at 5:45PM. Dinner will include delicious choices for adults and children, with vegetarian options available; dietary laws observed. While adults finish their meal, teen volunteers will engage children in games and more songs! Register by Wednesday, February 5 at www.bj.org and contact Kristen at kkersey@bj.org with any questions or specific dietary requests. Cost is \$25/members, and \$32/non-members; thanks to a generous donation, all children eat free.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• Tze'irim Cooks for the Shelter

Monday, January 27, 6:00-7:30PM, 88th Street Kitchen: Join Tze'irim as we make dinner for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. We'll meet at 6:00PM downstairs in the kitchen. 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, January 26.

• Tze'irim Happy Hour

Wednesday, January 29, 6:30-8:30PM, Common Ground (206 Avenue A): Want to meet other young adults in their 20s and 30s who enjoy BJ's uplifting spiritual services? Looking to get out of the cold? Then come to Tze'irim's first Happy Hour of 2014. Enjoy \$3 draft beers and \$4 well drinks and wine. Stick around after Happy Hour and join Tze'irim's trivia team at 9:00PM. No R.S.V.P. necessary, just check in with Monty Miller by the couches when you arrive.

• Tze'irim Serving Sunday Lunch to Seniors

Sunday, February 9, 12:00-2:30PM, location provided upon registration: Join Tze'irim as we make an inter-generational impact and brighten up the lives of low-income seniors. Help serve a hot kosher lunch and socialize with the residents. A great way to help those in need while getting to know your peers and your elders. Afterwards, feel free to go grab a bite to eat with your fellow volunteers. Register at www.bj.org by Wednesday, February 5.

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