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VAYESHEV

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 37:1 - 40:23

TRIENNIAL Genesis 38:1 - 38:30

1: 38:1 - 38:5

2: 38:6 - 38:11

3: 38:12 - 38:14

4: 38:15 - 38:19

5: 38:20 - 38:23

6: 38:24 - 38:26

7: 38:27 - 38:30

Maftir: 38:27 - 38:30

HAFTARAH Amos 2:6 - 3:8

NEXT WEEK: MIKETZ

SHABBAT HANUKKAH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 41:1 - 44:17

TRIENNIAL Genesis 41:53 - 43:15

HAFTARAH Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7

December 12-19, 2014

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service

20-27 Kislev, 5775

6:00 PM – 89th St. 3rd Floor Gym

6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

6:30 PM – 89th St. Reception Room

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Hakhanah laTefillah—Preparing for Prayer

Childcare (Ages 2-6)

Shabbat Morning Services

Junior Congregation—Kids Only

Children's Services

Young Families Kiddush

Community Kiddush

8:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)

9:30 AM – 86th St. Parlor

9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

10:30 AM – 86th St.

10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel, Parlor and 2nd Floor

Following Services – 86th St. Chapel

Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

PJs and Havdalah

Havdalah & Kids Celebration

4:15 PM – 89th St. Middle Room (SEE P.2)

5:15 PM – 89th St. 3rd Floor Gym (SEE P.2)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

Teen Text Study with Rabbi Felicia Sol

4:00 PM (SEE P.2)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Morning Minyan

Limud: Great Jews and Their Writings

Creative Play Studio

1ST CANDLE HANUKKAH

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

No class this week

10:15 and 11:15 AM – 89th St. Room 608A

Limud: The Language of Truth

Afternoon Play Studio

Keshet

KesheTOT

12:30 PM – 89th St. (SEE P.3)

3:30 PM – 89th St.

4:00 PM – 89th St. Room 606 and 609

4:00 PM – 89th St. Room 607

Limud: Adonai, Open My Lips—אֲדוֹנָי שְׁפֹתַי תִּפְתָּח

6:30 PM – 89th St. Middle Room (SEE P.3)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Morning Minyan

2ND CANDLE HANUKKAH

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

Environmental Justice Hevra Meeting

Limud: Introduction to Judaism

Limud: Mindfulness Classes:

Creating a Personal Prayer Practice

6:30 PM – 89th St. Middle Room (SEE P.2)

7:00 PM – 89th St. 2nd Floor Conference Room

7:00 PM – 89th St. Chapel (SEE P.3)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

Morning Minyan

Limud: Behind the Headlines in Israel

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

Limud: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis

3RD CANDLE HANUKKAH

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

8:30 AM – 89th St. (SEE P.3)

12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

12:30 PM (SEE P.3)

BJ Hebrew School

Limud: Avodat Ha-Lev: Exploring Prayer and the Siddur

4:00-6:00 PM

7:00 PM – 89th St. Chapel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

Morning Minyan

Bim Bam

4TH CANDLE HANUKKAH

7:30 AM – 89th St. Chapel

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

Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Join us on Friday night—choose from our many service options listed below. Check www.bj.org/services or this KJ (page 2) for details.

Every Friday: Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 88th Street at 6:30PM

First Friday of the Month

Tot ShabbatFeb. 6, March 6

Second Friday of the Month

MindfulnessDec. 12, Jan. 9
and

Family ShabbatDec. 12, Jan. 9

Third Friday of the Month

Bo-i KallahDec. 19, Jan. 16

Fourth Friday of the Month

Hitoreri (Teen) ShabbatJan. 23, Feb. 27



Saturday, January 10, 2015

Register at www.bj100dinner.org

**Share the Meals, Share the Magic,
Share the Memories**

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHĒM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends our sincere condolences to Amichai Lau-Lavie, Sally Gottesman, Rachel Tiven, their children Alice, Ezra and Charlotte Tiven-Gottesman, and their entire family on the death of Amichai's father, Naftali Lavie.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Amanda Levy, Joel Ryzowy, Tovah Feldshuh-Levy and Andrew Levy on Amanda and Joel's recent wedding.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Mindfulness Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, December 12, 6:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Led by Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Rachel Cowan, Student Hazzan Shoshi Rosenbaum and special guest Karina Zilberman, this service involves meditation, reflection, deep listening and personal engagement with the parashah. For questions, contact Sandra at sghiorzo@bj.org.

• Hakhanah laTefillah: Preparing for Prayer

5 Saturdays (remaining session: December 13), 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.

• Bo-i Kallah—A Monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Fridays: December 19, January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17 and May 15, 6:30PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Rabbi Roly Matalon and musician Dan Nadel will lead an alternative Kabbalat Shabbat service on the third Friday evening of each month. With the help of soulful melodies, verses of Shir haShirim (Song of Songs), liturgical poems and Psalms, we will enter holy time and welcome Shabbat.

• Standing Again at Sinai Book Discussion

Tuesday, January 20, 7:00PM, 89th St. Reception Room: Join author and BJ member Dr. Judith Plaskow in a discussion of her highly influential book *Standing Again at Sinai*. Credited as being the first book of Jewish feminist theology ever written, *Standing Again at Sinai* dismantled gender barriers present in Judaism and paved the way for a future of Jewish life transformed by feminist sensibilities. Sponsored by the Rosh Hodesh Women's Group, and open to all. The first 20 members who sign up for the book discussion will receive a free book, generously provided by Dr. Plaskow. Contact Jo at jicaza@bj.org or x241.

• "Meet Me at Sinai" Day of Learning

Sunday, February 8, times and locations vary: Attend this full day of panel discussions, films, dance, and more that celebrates 25 years of *Standing Again at Sinai*, and the changes in Judaism this book seeded. We will explore how Jewish feminism has enriched and challenged Jewish life in every domain, celebrate the progress we've made, and speak openly about where we can go from here. Contact Jo at jicaza@bj.org or x241.

Check your inbox every Friday for a special message from our Rabbis.

CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• Environmental Justice Hevra Meeting

Wednesday, December 17, 6:30-8:45PM, 89th Street Middle Room: Join us as we undertake community education and outreach for our new environmental justice campaign. We are proud to join a diverse coalition to support the Transform Don't Trash Campaign, which proposes systemic changes to the commercial waste industry in NYC. This local initiative would expand recycling diversion and lower emissions/pollution to contribute to broader efforts to stem the tide of climate change. To change everything, we need everyone! To attend the meeting and learn more, R.S.V.P. to Les at lesjudd@aol.com.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• B'nai Mitzvah Application

If you were unable to attend the B'nai Mitzvah 4th Grade Parent Orientation Meeting, please find more information at www.bj.org or contact Beth Tarson at btarson@bj.org. Applications received by December 19 will receive first consideration.

• PJs and Havdalah

Saturday, December 13, 4:15-5:15PM, 89th Street Middle Room: Families with children ages 5 and under are invited to explore Havdalah through art, song and story. Kids are encouraged to come in pajamas to help create a warm and cozy atmosphere as we say goodbye to Shabbat and look forward to the week ahead. Register at bj.org/events, and contact Allison at akapusta@bj.org with any questions.

• Havdalah & Kids Celebration

Saturday, December 13, 5:15 – 8:30PM, 89th Street 3rd Floor Gym: Grades 3-6 are invited to attend Havdalah, followed by a game of Gaga and a movie with pizza and ice cream. The cost is \$20 per child before the event and \$30 at the door. Register at bj.org/events. Email Esther at ebedolla@bj.org with any questions.

• Teen Text Study with Rabbi Felicia

Sunday, December 14, 4:00-5:30PM, location provided upon R.S.V.P.: God's Resume: What do we think/believe/experience about God? No belief required, just an honest conversation. Join the BJ teens and Rabbi Felicia as we explore our personal relationships with God. R.S.V.P. to Ayala at awasser@bj.org.

• KesheTOT Shabbat Morning

Saturday, December 20, 10:00-10:45AM, 86th Street: Experience Shabbat morning in Hebrew! Join us for a fun musical, Hebrew song session led by Shira and Yonatan, educators and musicians of the KesheTOT program. Registration required at www.bj.org/israeevents. Free for BJ families and KesheTOT weekly participants. Price \$15 per child, \$25 for more than one child.

• Bim Bam Spring Session

Fridays, January 9-May 22, 9:15-10:00AM and 10:15-11:00AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Bim Bam is a pre-Shabbat class for children ages 3 and under. Registration is now open for the 9:15AM and 10:15AM classes. Cost is \$270/members and \$345/non-members per family (new members attend for free, contact Allison at akapusta@bj.org). Register at www.bj.org; space is limited. There will be no class on April 3 or April 10.

HANUKKAH 5775 AT BJ: A celebration of light, love, and (of course!) latkes.



• Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins

Thursday, December 18, 3:45PM and 5:00PM, 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 3:45PM show

is for children 5 and younger; the 5:00PM show is for children in K-2. Register at www.bj.org.

• Hummus for Hanukkah—Community Dinner with Ari

Friday, December 19, following services, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Care for a schmooze and a song? A nosh and a niggun? A laugh and a latke? Then join the BJ community for some Hanukkah celebrating at our community dinner. Try to out-sing Hazzan Ari Priven in between mouthfuls of delicious hummus, wine, and of course, everyone's favorite potato pancakes. Register online or call Jo at x 241.

• Light the Fifth Night: Single Moms and Kids Havdalah, Hanukkah Happening

Saturday, December 20, 5:00-7:00PM, 89th Street Community House: From the light of the Havdalah candle to the lighting of the Hanukkah candles, Rabbi Felicia Sol invites you to join for the festivities: pizza, latkes and sufganiyot included. Registration is required; visit www.bj.org. For any questions, please contact Sandra Ghiorzo at sghiorzo@bj.org.

• Tze'irim Bar Night

Saturday, December 20, 5:30PM, 89th Street 3rd Floor: Skip the dreidel and move right onto Settlers: celebrate the 5th Night of Hanukkah with Tze'irim with some new games of chance! Join us for Havdalah and Hanukkah candle-lighting before heading out to

E's Bar to play board games and toast to our continued defeat over the Greeks. \$15 gets you drink tickets and snacks at E's. R.S.V.P. by Thursday, December 18 at www.bj.org.

• Wrap Attack: Teen Hanukkah Celebration

Sunday, December 21, 6:00-7:30PM, 89th Street Middle Room: Celebrate Hanukkah with the BJ teens! We will wrap gifts together, eat yummy latkes, have a dreidel tournament, light candles and more. Please bring small gifts to donate to children in need. R.S.V.P. at bj.org/events by December 18. Contact Ayala at awasser@bj.org with any questions.

• Yozma Hanukkah Ice-Skating & Schmoozing at Bryant Park

Monday, December 22, 6:30PM, Bank of America Winter Village at Bryant Park (between 40th-42nd Streets and 5th-6th Avenues): Join us to celebrate the seventh night of Hanukkah as we ice-skate on the rink at Bryant Park. If skating is not your thing, come for the schmoozing at 8:00PM. Skate rentals are \$15, bag check \$8 to \$10. Email Craig Rosenberg at crosenberg6@optonline.net by Monday, December 15 for more details or to R.S.V.P.

• #PlusLight Project

Honor this year's celebration of light by participating in #PlusLight, an interactive virtual project conceived by artist Tobi Kahn. #PlusLight focuses on seeing the light that surrounds us every day, and sharing that light with those around us. All you have to do is take a picture of light wherever you see it, and tag the photo with #PlusLight on social media. For every 50 photos tagged with #PlusLight, MPOWERD will donate a solar powered light to people in the developing world living in energy poverty. For more information, visit jccmanhattan.org/pluslight.

UPCOMING LIMUD/TEACHING Please visit www.bj.org for full course descriptions and more information.

• Lunch and Learn: The Language of Truth: The Gerer Rebbe's Commentary on Parashat HaShavua (The Weekly Torah Portion)

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

7 Tuesdays (remaining class: December 16), 12:30-1:45PM, 89th Street Middle Room: Study the weekly parashah through the commentary of the Sefat Emet, Rabbi Yehuda Leib Alter of Gur. Join Rabbi Sol for an exploration of this Hassidic commentary to delve deeper into the richness of our tradition. Please register at www.bj.org/events, or contact Sandra at sghiorzo@bj.org for audio participation information.

• Adonai, Open My Lips—אֲדֹנָי שְׁפֹתַי תִּפְתָּח

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

7 Tuesdays (remaining classes: December 16, January 13, 27, February 10), 6:30-8:30PM, 89th Street Middle Room: How do I open my heart to prayer? What happens when I pray? Who do I pray to? What/Who do I pray for? How do I find my own voice in prayer? We will open and examine these and other prayer-related questions through personal reflection, text study, discussion and practice. Register at www.bj.org/events.

• Mindfulness Classes: Creating a Personal Prayer Practice

Rabbis Rachel Cowan and Marcelo R. Bronstein

7 Wednesdays (remaining class: December 17), 7:00-9:00PM, 89th Street Chapel: Why do we pray? Where can prayer take us? How could it change us? In this class, we will utilize meditation, contemplative text study, music and reflection to meaningfully connect to prayer as a spiritual practice. Free of charge. Register at www.bj.org/events.

• Lunch and Learn: Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

5 Thursdays (remaining class: December 18), 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. Register at www.bj.org/events.

• Behind the Headlines in Israel

5 Thursdays (remaining class: December 18), 8:30-9:15AM, 89th Street Community House: Start the day with an overview of Israeli news in four key areas: politics, society, culture and Middle East events. To join over the phone, please dial 866-672-5590, conference code 975 5145 531. Led by Dr. Jonathan Cummings, political analyst and scholar of Israel and the Middle East. Free of charge. Register at www.bj.org/israelevents.

• Avodat Ha-Lev: Exploring Prayer and the Siddur

Alex Braver, BJ Rabbinic Fellow

Thursdays, through December 18; **Mondays**, January 5-May 4, 7:00-9:00PM, 89th St. Chapel: The rabbis of the Talmud call prayer "avodat ha-lev" (the service of the heart). Yet how can our hearts be in it when we don't understand what we're saying? We will study the language of the siddur in Hebrew, English and transliteration, along with biblical, rabbinic, mystical and modern texts. Register at www.bj.org/events.

• Rosh Hodesh Tevet Women's Group: Hag HaBanot—Festive Meal

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

Sunday, December 21, 6:00-8:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Please join Rabbi Sol to celebrate Hag HaBanot, by cooking and sharing in a festive meal. We ask everyone to contribute (members \$10 and non-members \$15) and to bring kosher wine, an appetizer, or dessert. We also need women to help cook, set up and clean up. For registration and volunteer opportunities, please 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. Contact the Membership Department at x224 for more information.

• **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 sanctuaries (88th Street and 86th Street). Ask an usher if you need one, and please return the device when you leave.

• **"BJ Speak" Glossary:** Do you have questions about commonly used words and phrases at BJ? Find the answers in our "BJ Speak" glossary. Visit the back of the 88th Street Sanctuary for a laminated sheet filled with definitions and explanations of everything you need to know.

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. We'll have coffee waiting for you! Please help us make a minyan so our members can say kaddish for their loved ones in a supportive environment. Learn more and find the current schedule at www.bj.org/minyan.

Get Away with BJ in 2015

Take time in 2015 to get away with your fellow BJ members, clergy and staff. There are trips and retreats designed to meet the interests of families, adults, children and teens. Learn more at www.bj.org/trips.

TRIP	DATE
Human Rights, Jewish Values: 8th and 9th Grade Civil Rights Journey to Alabama and Georgia with Ayala Wasser, Hazzan Ari Priven, Rabbinic Fellow Alex Braver and David Lieberman Contact: Ayala at awasser@bj.org	January 15-19
BJ Mindfulness Retreat in Nature: Costa Rica with Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Rachel Cowan [TRIP IS FULL] Contact: Sandra at sghiorzo@bj.org	January 18-25
Work, Pray and Make a Difference: Teen Service Learning in Nicaragua with Rabbi Felicia Sol, Ayala Wasser, Rabbinic Fellow Bryan Wexler and David Lieberman [TRIP IS FULL] Contact: Ayala at awasser@bj.org	February 15-22
BJ Prayer Retreat at Menla Mountain in the Catskills with Rabbi Roly Matalon and guest teachers from Israel Contact: Leah at lmichelson@bj.org	February 15-18
Spring B'nai Mitzvah Retreat for 6th Graders, Ramah Day Camp in Nyack, NY , with Nina Loftspring Contact: Nina at nloftspring@bj.org	May 1-3
Women's Retreat, Isabella Freedman Center, CT , with Rabbi Felicia Sol and Rabbinic Fellow Sarit Horwitz Contact: Jo at jicaza@bj.org	May 29-31
World Jewish Studies Seminar in Morocco with Rabbi Roly Matalon and Peter Geffen [DONATION REQUIRED] Contact: Lisa at lsteinberg@bj.org	June 18-26
Israel Community Trip with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Orli Moss Contact: Sandra at sghiorzo@bj.org	June 25-July 4
Teen Kickoff Retreat for Grades 9-12, Ramah Day Camp in Nyack, NY , with Ayala Wasser Contact: Ayala at awasser@bj.org	September
Reach for Shabbat Retreat for Grades 3-6, Isabella Freedman Center, CT , with Rabbi Felicia Sol and Ivy Schreiber Contact: Esther at ebedolla@bj.org	October 16-18
Israel Family Trip with Rabbi Felicia Sol and Ivy Schreiber Contact: Esther at ebedolla@bj.org	December 24-January 2, 2016

Featured Trips

• **BJ Prayer Retreat at Menla Mountain in the Catskills**
Sunday, February 15-Wednesday, February 18, Menla Mountain Retreat Center: Join Rabbi Matalon and Israeli guest teachers Rabbi Tamar Elad Applebaum, Yair Harel and Uri Kroizer to deepen our understanding and practice of prayer. Please contact Leah at lmichelson@bj.org for more information.

• **Israel Community Trip**
Thursday, June 25-Saturday, July 4, multiple locations, Israel: Join Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and BJ Shliha Orli Moss as we explore Israel through the eyes of the communities Ha Eretz is home to. Traveling to Jerusalem, the South and Tel Aviv, we will meet interesting people, visit interesting places and have a great time, all while building community with the diverse groups of people that make Israel special. For more details or to register, email Sandra at sghiorzo@bj.org.

Please visit www.bj.org for more information: Membership • Class/Event Registration • BJ Publications • Calendar • ASL Interpreter available upon request.

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