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 **RABBI'S MESSAGE**

Rabbi Brent Chaim Spodek

In the early spring of 2000, my wife and I had a problem. The two of us were bicycling from Jacksonville, FL to Kitty Hawk, NC, where the contours of the coastal plain are totally flat, which is a truly a blessing for the touring bicyclist. However, there are very few places to pitch a tent in the South, so every day we would have to figure out where we were going to sleep that night, so we frequently found ourselves in church grounds, public parks or farmer's fields that kind strangers would point us to.

One cold afternoon, Alison and I pulled into Moncks Corner, SC, (pop. 5607) and found a diner that seemed to have everything we wanted—red and white checker placemats, menus with lots of cheesy grits and hot sauce, and waitresses who would certainly call us sweetheart. Sadly, they were closing up as we entered. It was, after all, about 4 PM, and it was time for this particular Main Street to roll up.

Over the three months that we had been bicycling, we tended to attract conversation, particularly in the small towns, where apparently, they didn't get many Jews in spandex pedaling through. Sure enough, Wanda, one of the waitresses came to apologize for having to close and to chat and offer us some water, which we greedily accepted. We told her who we were and where we had come from and asked if she knew where we might be able to pitch our tent for the evening. She suggested a few churches, maybe the police station, and said that if we were in a bind, we should call her at home and we could camp in her yard. A few hours later, we had hit all the churches we could find but none of them were willing to let us camp, and there didn't seem to be any city parks open to the idea either, so we called Wanda.

She apologized profusely about her humble home but told us that we should come over, and no, we didn't need to pick anything up at the grocery. Alison and I got back on our bikes and easily found our way to her place. She came out to say hello and before we had a chance to put our gear in her backyard, she said she thought we should come in for some lemonade. There were some awkward small talk as we sat in her kitchen—Are you kids in college? she asked. Does your husband work late? we asked—but there was only one question we were all really trying to answer—Can I trust you? Are you really bicycling up the coast, or is this a plot to rob our house and kill us all? Is your husband really out of town, or is he going to come home in drunken rage soon? We were wary and all our fearful stereotypes were coming to the fore. We wanted to assume the best about Wanda, but Alison and I are from Washington DC and New York respectively, and by any account, this was outrageous behavior. Didn't we read the news? Didn't Wanda read the news? Didn't any of us realize America is filled with lunatics ready to kill if your door isn't triple locked?

The answers to our questions were all benign and somehow, all three of us went along for the ride. And we were all telling the truth. We talked for hours, and she told us about her life and we told her about ours. I taught one of her sons how to play chess and we all ordered some pizza which she refused to let us pay for. Soon it was time for bed, and Wanda thought it was silly for us to go and pitch out tent now, since the boys tended to stay in her room when their dad was out of town. So in bunk beds, under the watchful eyes of Mark McGuire and the Power Rangers, Alison and I went to sleep in the house of Wonderful Wanda the Waitress.

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SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

Instilling a Love of Learning: BJ in the Public Schools

BJ's two learning support programs wrapped up another successful school year in May. Yasher Koah to our volunteers and their reading and math partners on all their hard work.

The BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership will be entering its 4th year and has continued to work successfully with P.S. 125. Volunteers meet one-on-one with students weekly to support their partners' academic progress. For all of our volunteers the process of getting to know their young partners is often surprising and inspiring. Two volunteers from our BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership were kind enough to share their reflections on the program this year.

Margie Rosen explained how being a literacy volunteer is both a rewarding and bittersweet experience:

"When I first met my reading partner she was a shy, quiet child who nodded when spoken to but rarely initiated conversation. Through our work together, I discovered that behind that solemn face and warm brown eyes was a charming first grader with a sparkling imagination. By the end of the program in May, my partner had become a regular chatterbox, who was eager and excited to show me how well she was learning to read and could gleefully recite a poem she had composed on her own.

The BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership has been up and running for three years, under the leadership of veteran educator Ruth Joseph. Some of our students have had to repeat a grade, not once, but twice. Yet they burst into the room each week, eager to keep on trying. Right now, the joy of learning is still there – and it's heartbreaking and frustrating to wonder how long the spark will last. Will it be snuffed out by a cash-strapped school system desperately in need of trained teachers who can give children the one-on-one attention they deserve? For me, leaving the building each week is bittersweet; I feel blessed to have worked for even a short time with these delightful children, yet saddened to realize how much more there is to do."

Ilene Richman shared her insights on a new and exciting component of the BJ/RBS Partnership, which she pioneered:

For information on BJ Reads at P.S. 166 please contact Ellen Schechter at x391, bjreads@bj.org or Sandy Davidson at (212) 724-2013, sandyd001@rcn.com. For information on the BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership, please contact rbspartnership@bj.org or x301.

"Last fall when literacy volunteers took notice of the overlapping difficulties students had between reading and math, we took the initiative to add a math component to our thriving BJ/RBS Partnership. The ability to convert word problems into math problems can be a formidable obstacle for many of the 3rd and 4th grade students we work with. This skill is critical for students to be able to apply math skills to real world situations and to take standardized tests, which incorporate reading problems.

People volunteer for many reasons. For Amy Moses, it was a way of honoring a close friend who had recently passed away; for Mal Newman, it was a chance to share his love of numbers with others. Each volunteer has his or her own reason but all would likely agree with Harriet Wolf when she says, "Tutoring elementary school math doesn't require extreme math skills, and it provides many satisfying 'Aha's!' when the kids grasp something. It's a great feeling to see the light bulb go on at least once almost every time you work with a kid. A little individual attention goes such a very long way—emotionally, as well as academically." And as Amy adds, "These are great kids who are really excited to learn. They desperately need one-on-one help, the kind that many of us take for granted, and we need many more volunteers."

Ruth Joseph, who spearheaded the BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership and led the program since its inception, is stepping down as coordinator. BJ would like to thank Ruth for all of her work and leadership as she passes on the torch to other passionate volunteers.

The BJ Reads program at P.S. 166 just completed its 11th year pairing first and second graders with adult Reading Partners to help children find pleasure in stories and books, and thus find personal motivation for the hard work of learning to read. Each volunteer meets with a child for one hour on Monday or Wednesday morning for the entire school year. The adult reads picture books that the child chooses until the child is ready to read aloud to the volunteer. The work volunteers do with their Reading Partners reinforces reading skills learned in class and emphasizes comprehension, discussion of meaning and enjoyment.

This year the BJ Reads volunteers invited the children to share what they enjoyed about the program. They often used "creative spelling" and sometimes visual aids to express their feelings.

"I like BJ Reads because it helped me to learn how to read and right! And to enjoy reading."
—Devon, grade 2

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B'nai Jeshurun's Torah Gift to Kehilat Nigun Ha'Lev

The exact moment in which we open the Holy Ark and get ready to take out the Torah, when the congregation recites together

כי מציון תצא תורה דבר יהוה מירושלים

("Torah shall come from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem") is a moment of grace, excitement and awe among those who have come to pray.

When I prepare children for their Bat or Bar Mitzvah, I always devote time to the question "What is the Torah?" from which they are about to read. What is the meaning of reading the Torah which has been passed from one generation to the next, over thousands of years, as the reader is a new link in a chain of such never-ending connections? I love to identify the spark in young eyes that suddenly understand the gravity of the event and the weight of their act of reading in front of the entire community. It is not just the excitement before such an important task, but the awareness of one's Jewish identity and connection to past generations.

Soon B'nai Jeshurun's delegation will arrive to Emek Izrael, to Moshav Na'ha'lal, to the community of Nigun Ha'Lev (The Melody of the Heart), carrying a Torah—a donation from one well-established congregation to one that is younger but fast growing.

This is the first Torah to belong to Nigun Ha'Lev. Until now, the community borrowed a Torah when one was needed. Finally, it is getting its own.

Here at BJ, looking at an Ark filled with many Torah scrolls, it is hard to explain the enormity of such an event.

Congregation Nigun Ha'Lev emerged six years ago in Emek Izrael, a land saturated with a pioneering heritage and filled with people who rejected their Jewish traditions a century ago, the ones they had experienced as children in the Diaspora. They came to Emek Izrael to turn a barren land into a fertile, blooming one. They aspired to create a new kind of Jewish identity: laboring with one's own hands, independent, free of the shackles of the Diaspora; people satisfying their spiritual needs by cultivating the land, by being together with other like-minded people, expressing themselves through the Zionist ideology.

One hundred years have passed since the early pioneers arrived in the valley. We, their great-great children, are still bewildered in the land that evolved greatly, in every possible way, yet, somehow, leaving its secular communities without sources of Jewish spirituality. Here, the Jewish world is perceived as singularly owned by Orthodox Jews, not at all as a source of spiritual guidance. Yet our spiritual thirst continues to search for a new spring.

The members of Nigun Ha'lev are the by-product of this search. And their meeting with the "Midrasha" (an

organization devoted to renewal of Jewish life in Israel) and BJ has sparked something new.

This new synagogue is mostly active on Friday nights, during the holidays, and sometimes on Shabbat when one of its members is celebrating a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Melodies of the heart, songs of the Valley, Israeli poetry, and prayers from the siddur are all interwoven, the sounds of which rise high above the walls of the synagogue.

Reading from the Torah is a new experience in this community, and is not a tradition that is passed on from parents to their children. Instead, it is reversed and begins with children who desire to mark their Bar or Bat Mitzvah. These children, in seeking out their lifecycle events, carry their parents so they can join together in this journey of wonder. The children's connection to the Torah is direct, intimate, without fear or traditional manners; yet it is also a connection filled with love, curiosity, and a desire to make such ritual a part of their daily routine. For them, studying to read the Torah creates the connection of "And I will betroth you into me forever, yea, and I will betroth you unto me in loving-kindness and in compassion; and I will betroth you unto me in faithfulness, and you shall know Adonai." (Hosea 2, 21-22)

To the members of Nigun Ha'Lev, the connection with prayer and the Torah is a slow-moving process. It is choosing anew that which is old. It is matching the melodies to fit both the ear and the heart.

Rav Nachman wrote the Melody of the Blades of Grass:

*Know that each Shepherd has his own special melody
According to the grass and the place in which he tends
Every blade of grass has its own tune
And from the tunes of the blades of grass a Shepherd's
melody is composed.*

And Naomi Shemer, a famous Israeli writer and composer (who recently died) added:

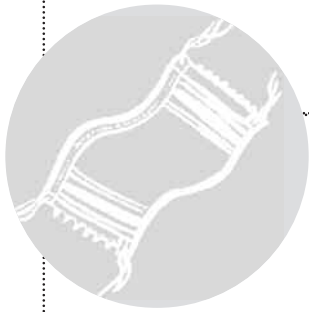
*And when, from such singing, the heart is filled
And yearns to the land of Israel
A great light rises from the land's holiness
And from the tunes of the blades of grass a melody of the
heart is composed.*

This year, on the 20th day of the summer month of Tammuz, on Thursday night, July 5, a great singing will be heard: the congregations of Nigun Ha'Lev, together with members of BJ, the melodies of Emek Izrael, and the Torah, with its own special melody as it starts to tend to its new community in its new sacred home.

Let us all open our ears and listen carefully to this great tune reverberating in the world and be part of this celebration. ■

—Chen Ben Or Tsfofi

(This article was written in Hebrew and translated by Michal and Avi Nachmany.)



YAMIM NORA'IM 5768

Schedule of Services • High Holy Days 2007/5768

SELIHOT • סליחות

Saturday, September 8

Kabbalat Selihot

88th Street Sanctuary	9:45 PM
Coffee Hour	11:15 PM
Service	Midnight

ROSH HASHANAH • ראש השנה

Wednesday, September 12

First Evening

The Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew (SPSA) 86th Street, 88th Street*	6:30 PM
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Thursday, September 13

First Day

SPSA 86th Street, 88th Street, Jazz at Lincoln Center (JALC)*	9:00 AM
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Children's Services (ages 0-6)

SPSA 86th Street Social Hall, 88th Street Frankel Hall, JALC	10:30 AM
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Family Service (ages 7-12)

Symphony Space	10:30 AM
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Second Evening

88th Street	7:30 PM
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Friday, September 14

Second Day

SPSA 86th Street, 88th Street	9:00 AM
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Children's Services (ages 0-6)

SPSA 86th Street Social Hall	10:30 AM
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Junior Congregation

88th Street Frankel Hall	10:30 AM
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Study followed by Tashlikh

88th Street Sanctuary	4:30 PM
Riverside Park	6:00 PM

SHABBAT SHUVAH • שבת שובה

Friday, September 14

Kabbalat Shabbat

88th Street	6:00 PM
88th Street	7:30 PM

Saturday, September 15

Morning Services

SPSA 86th Street	9:30 AM
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Junior Congregation

SPSA 86th Street Social Hall	10:30 AM
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Children's Services (ages 0-6)

SPSA 86th Street Chapel	10:45 AM
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YOM KIPPUR • יום כפור

Friday, September 21

Kol Nidre

SPSA 86th Street, 88th Street, JALC*	6:15 PM
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Saturday, September 22

SPSA 86th Street, 88th Street, JALC*	9:00 AM
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Children's Services (ages 0-6):

SPSA 86th Street Social Hall, 88th Street Frankel Hall, JALC	10:30 AM
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Family Service (ages 7-12)

Symphony Space	10:30 AM
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Minhah and Ne'ilah

SPSA 86th Street, 88th Street, JALC*	4:45 PM
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Children's procession

SPSA 86th Street, 88th Street, JALC	7:15 PM
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Teki-at Shofar and Havdalah

SPSA 86th Street, 88th Street, JALC	7:34 PM
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88th Street Services are at the B'nai Jeshurun Synagogue, 257 W. 88th Street (between Broadway and West End Avenue).

SPSA Services are at the Church of Saint Paul and Saint Andrew, 86th Street at West End Avenue (1 block off Broadway).

Jazz at Lincoln Center Services are at Jazz at Lincoln Center at the Time Warner Center at Broadway at 60th Street.

Symphony Space Services are at Symphony Space, 2537 Broadway (Broadway at 95th Street).

* Based on pre-assigned location for services



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families on their b'nai mitzvah (through July):

Eliana Resnick	Tanya Niesvizky-Kogan
Joshua Musto	Simone Levine Policano
Sam Blum	Isaiah Frankel
Anna Blum	

To the following members and their families (through June 22):

Melissa Henrie Kujawski and Andrew Phillip Rosen on their wedding.

BJ staff member Sarah Michelson on her wedding to Seth Guthartz.

Ulrika and Joel Citron on being honored for their exceptional dedication and service at the Heschel School Annual Dinner on May 29, 2007.

Richard and Yvette Stern on the naming of their son, Benjamin.

Shira Hanlon and Daniel Rosan on their wedding.

Anita Sibony and Jonathan Adelsberg on their wedding.

Beverly Statland and Max Klau on their wedding.

Susie Kessler on being honored by The Carlbach Shul for her dedicated work in the Jewish community.

Elain Calmon and Barry Waldman on their wedding.

Glenn Marlowe for receiving the 2007 Teacher of the Year Award, with a citation in math, from the Blackboard Awards of Manhattan Media this week on his 60th birthday.

CONDOLENCES *(through June 22)*

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to the following members and their families:

David, Sam, and Anna Blum and Terri Minsky on the death of their beloved father, grandfather, and father-in-law, Albert Blum.

Eric Schlagman on the death of his beloved mother, Phyllis Schlagman.

Joyce Gottlieb on the death of her beloved cousin, Louis Searleman.

Andrea, Joanna, and Mark Siegel on the death of their beloved mother and wife, Karen Siegel.

Philip Silverman and Leslie Brill on the death of Philip's beloved brother-in-law, Richard Lewis.

Chaim Bronstein and Pam Wax on the death of Chaim's beloved grandson, Michael Evans.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
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12	13	14 ROSH HODESH ELUL	15 ROSH HODESH ELUL • 7:00 PM – Women’s Rosh Hodesh Group, 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.10)	16
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SERVICE TIMES

MORNING MINYAN (88TH STREET)

- Monday–Friday 7:30 AM • Sunday & National Holidays 9:30 AM

KABBALAT SHABBAT:

- Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 PM 88th St. Sanctuary

SHABBAT MORNING:

- 9:30 AM 88th St. Sanctuary • Children’s Services 10:45 AM 88th St. Frankel Hall

DAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	3 • 7:00 PM – Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 88th St.	4 • 9:30 AM – Shabbat Morning Services, 88th St. • 10:45 AM – Children’s Services, 88th St. • 8:00 PM – Tze-irim film screening of “Keeping The Faith,” 88th St.
	10 • 7:00 PM – Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 88th St.	11 • 9:30 AM – Shabbat Morning Services, 88th St. • 10:45 AM – Children’s Services, 88th St.
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	24 • 7:00 PM – Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 88th St.	25 • 9:30 AM – Shabbat Morning Services, 88th St. • 10:45 AM – Children’s Services, 88th St. • Bar Mitzvah: Nathaniel Sabat • 4:00 PM – Minḥa, 88th St. • Bar Mitzvah: Eli Akabas
	31 • 7:00 PM – Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 88th St.	

ADULT CLASSES

WEDNESDAY

- Elul: Retelling Our Stories 6:30–8:00 PM (August 29, September 5)

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY–THURSDAY

- BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7 PM

THURSDAY

- Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12 PM

CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

August 3	7:52 PM
August 10	7:44 PM
August 17	7:34 PM
August 24	7:24 PM
August 31	7:13 PM

PARASHAT HASHAVU'A

August 4	Ekev
August 11	Re'eh
August 18	Shoftim
August 25	Ki Tetze
September 1	Ki Tavo

HAVDALAH TIMES

August 4	8:55 PM
August 11	8:45 PM
August 18	8:34 PM
August 25	8:23 PM
September 1	8:11 PM

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION



Reach for Shabbat Pilot Program A Success

In the 2006-2007 school year, we were excited to pilot the Reach for Shabbat program for fourth graders. This optional, Shabbat-based, family education program brought 19 fourth graders and their families

together outside of Hebrew School five times over the course of the year to build community and deepen their learning. Our last Shabbat experience together was in May, 2007. The students were asked to prepare by reacting to one of the following quotations. Many of their responses are printed below (we apologize to those fourth graders whose responses are not included—instead of handing them in, these students chose to take their essays home with them).

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Every person must carry the holiness of Shabbat to bless the other days of the week.

—*Rebbe Nachman of Bratslav*

Shabbat is a holy day because you don't work on Shabbat if you are religious. We need to carry the holiness of Shabbat during the week past Saturday when you wish Shabbat goodbye.

—*Benjamin Pickman*

Shabbat is a holy day because it is the day God rested from creating our earth and because we focus on things that we didn't create. I think what this quote means is that Shabbat is holy and on Shabbat, if we act like it is holy (which we should), that we can carry that holiness to make the other days of the week holy too!

—*Amelia Geser*

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Shabbat brings every creature back to its roots which is the will of God.

—*Sefat Emet*

God wants every creature to go back where it belongs, on Shabbat. You also return to your family's roots and celebrate. A homeless man is trying to celebrate Shabbat. According to this quote he will find himself a home.

—*Benjamin Kessler*

It means you've been from your main spot, like a mile or two. On Shabbat, you eat challah at your main spot and that's your roots. If you are away from home but Shabbat is when you are at home celebrating.

—*Daniel Weiss*

Maybe this means that on Shabbat, we should relax and think about God and other things. I think that during the week you're stressed and think only about the bad things, like: if I don't do this, that will happen.

—*Carrie Bergmann*

I think it kind of means that you stop using modern advantages and live more like your ancestors.

—*Gabe Fields*

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If you don't put in the effort the day before, what are you going to eat on Shabbat?

—*Talmud, Avodah Zarah 3a*

If you don't prepare for Shabbat, then you have to eat at a restaurant or eat the food in your refrigerator. If you don't prepare yourself for Shabbat mentally, you will not be able to be properly ready for Shabbat.

—*Joanna Cohen*

You just don't put effort on going to the store and buying challah and eating it the next day, and don't put effort into anything preparing for the next day, but still do it!!!

—*Ethan Geismar*

You're gonna eat salad and we eat burritos. You eat challah the whole time since you can't use money on Shabbat tell your neighbor to pay and say you'll pay back. Eat raw things. You pray and maybe starve. You'll meditate to get out of the work day.

—*Noah Wartels*

You go to a store and buy a machine the day before Shabbat that makes stuff for you. Then on the same day you hire a delivery guy names Sherbert. After that you ask him to deliver your food from your food machine to temple. You do that whole thing with no effort. When that is happening the Jews are getting ready to pray and go to temple.

—*Tyler Chonoles*

Eat the stuff in your fridge that doesn't need preparing, or order out! You need to prepare your brain for Shabbat.

—*Hannah Shykind*

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Rabbi's Message (continued from page 1)

Trust is what forms the universe and lets us move among people, and we cannot trust people if we do not give them the benefit of the doubt. Alison and I had the blessing of learning that lesson by being supported, again and again, by the unequivocal embrace of strangers, each other and ourselves. We found that trust in the world is not only reasonable, but frequently reliable as well. Neither Wanda nor any other of our new friends ever had anything to gain from

helping us, other than a good story for the next day. But again and again, people reached out and gave us what we needed—a place to camp, a dry bed, a ride in the back of a pick up truck. With two good bicycles and an open schedule, Alison and I found that with nothing more than the overwhelming effort it takes to trust other human beings, there are amazing things to be found in American strangers, in each other and in ourselves. ■

Instilling a Love of Learning (continued from page 2)

"I like to learn about stuff." —Luka, grade 1

"I like reading with volintyrs. You get a present on sartin mounths. You can read and I love reading. I wanted to try it out, and found it's REALLY FUN!" —Charlie, grade 1

"I like true stories because they can be exciting." —Julia T., grade 1

"You should come. They will teach you a lot." —Dacota, grade 2

"Reading funny books like *Chicks and Salsa* gave me some courage to read." —Alex, grade 1

It has been a very busy and successful year for B'nai Jeshurun's tutoring programs! We would like to thank all of our current volunteers and encourage those of who may be able to lend a hand to a child struggling to learn to consider becoming volunteers. ■

Reach for Shabbat (continued from page 8)

Shabbat said before God: Every day was given a partner, but You did not give me one. God answered: Your partner is the community of Israel. And when Israel stands on Mount Sinai, the Holy One will say, "Remember the Sabbath to bless it." —*Exodus Rabbah*

Shabbat is special because its partner is Israel. People of Israel are holy because they are partners with Shabbat. Israel is happy that Shabbat is its partner. Also, we should not leave Shabbat out because she was excluded or felt excluded. Shabbat is the most special because it is not partners with any old day of the week. —Sarah Adelman

The Shabbat Queen (or Saturday) was sad because she didn't have a partner. She complained to God about this, and God said she is the most important day of the week and is so important that her partner is Israel. God also said that when Israel stands on Mount Sinai they remember Shabbat. Now Shabbat is happy. —Tamzen Naegele

I think this means that day's partner is night and Sabbath's partner is the community of Israel. And then they will rebuild Israel on Mount Sinai and the Sabbath will bless it. And it also says the Holy One is different than God. And Shabbat, the Sabbath Queen, came before God. —Joshua Nodiff

I think it means that Shabbat did not think it had a partner but God explained that its partner was the people of Israel and all who celebrate it. Israel and its people were important to God so he made them partners. Shabbat needs people to celebrate it and people need Shabbat! —Noah Mazer





UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Donate to the High Holy Days Flower Fund

This year, the High Holy Days are in the middle of September. One way to help enhance the beauty and atmosphere of our services is by making a donation to the Flower Fund in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one. Please contact Erzsebet at x228.

Volunteers Needed to Usher During the Yamim Nora'im at SPSA (86th Street) and Jazz at Lincoln Center (60th Street)

Ushering shifts at 88th Street for the coming High Holy Days have been filled. However, we are greatly in need of volunteer ushers for all shifts at 86th Street and at Jazz at Lincoln Center. This is a wonderful way to contribute to your BJ community during this special time of year. Shifts are short, but help create a safe and comfortable environment in which everyone can pray. Indicate your desired shifts by mailing or faxing in the forms sent to your homes. For further information, please contact Sarah at sguthartz@bj.org or x234.



UPCOMING LIMUD

Please see the BJ website, www.bj.org, for registration information.

Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Elul

Wednesday, August 15 • 7:00PM • 88th St. Frankel Hall • Cost: Free, registration not required. Each new month on the Hebrew calendar, we will have an opportunity to study, discuss, celebrate and pray together on this holiday traditionally associated with women. Please bring a dairy/vegetarian kosher snack to share with the group as part of the celebration of Rosh Hodesh.

Elul: Retelling Our Stories

Rabbi Brent Chaim Spodek

2 Wednesdays (August 29, September 5) • 88th St. Sanctuary • Cost: Free, registration not required. We are always telling ourselves stories about ourselves—it's how we as individuals and as Jews construct the realities in which we live. Come study texts in which classic and contemporary Jewish thinkers such as Rav Kook, Abraham Joshua Heschel and Robert Cover consider the role narrative stories, or aggadah, play in our religious realities, and consider how retelling these stories during the Yamin Nora'im can be an important part of teshuva.



DONATIONS (through June 21)

Adult Education

Bernice Todres in memory of Linda Golding's mother, Eric Schlagman's mother, Avi Ashman's sister, and Rabbi Felicia Sol's grandmother Saralynn and Sheldon Glass in honor of the engagement of their daughter Lisa Glass to Martin Cornstein

Arthur P. Morgan Fund

Mitchell Winter and Lisa Kassel in honor of Alexander Winter's Bar Mitzvah

Daily Minyan Fund

Morty and Bernice Levine in honor of Carol Gelles and Ina Meibach in appreciation of the Minyan Banquet in honor of Morty Levine

Etz Hayim Fund

Helena Diamant Glass in memory of her husband, George W. Glass

Roberta, Robert, Taylor and Eric Greenberg Goldy in loving memory of Bessie Yacker

Floral Fund

Alan and Mimi Frank in honor of the marriage of their daughter, Samantha Jill to Jason Wexler

General Fund

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