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August 2 - August 9, 2002

Shabbat Parashat Re'eh • MevarkhimHaHodesh

TORAH

Deuteronomy 11:26 – 16:17, Pg. 1417

TRIENNIAL

Deuteronomy 11:26 – 12:28, Pg. 1417

HAFTARAH

Isaiah 54:11 – 55:5, Pg. 1604

Next week:

Parashat Shoftim

TORAH

Deuteronomy 16:18 – 21:9, Pg. 1456

TRIENNIAL

Deuteronomy 16:18 – 18:5, Pg. 1456

HAFTARAH

Isaiah 51:12 – 52:12, Pg. 1607

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK:

Discussion: Eco-Judaism & The Art of Bicycle Maintenance

Wednesday, August 7, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: Nigel Savage of Hazon will talk about his experiences on Hazon's Cross-USA Jewish Environmental Bike Ride, Hazon's New York ride this fall, and seven things you can do as a Jew to help the environment. All are welcome; no need to RSVP.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 88th St.
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:15 PM – 88th St.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Service 9:30 AM – 88th St.
Children's Services 10:45 AM – 88th St.
D'var Torah Rabbi Felicia L. Sol
Speaker Nigel Savage, Hazon

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Rosh Hodesh Women's Group 7:00 PM – 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th St.
Discussion: *Eco-Judaism & The Art of Bicycle Maintenance* 7:00 PM – 86th St.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM – 88th St.

ROSH HODESH ELUL

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

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SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

New York Jewish Environmental Bike Ride Update

October 11-14, 2002: Join the B'nai Jeshurun team, under captain Chuck Gold, for the second annual Hazon Environmental Bike Ride and Shabbaton. Over 20 other teams are participating. To register as part of our BJ team, go to www.hazon.org and look for the BJ team. There is a registration fee and a fundraising goal for sponsorship. The ride takes place in the beautiful Hudson Valley and helps raise environmental awareness. For more info, contact Deborah at x254 or dpinsky@bj.org.

Volunteers: The BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter Needs You!

Monday through Thursday evenings, in air-conditioned Frankel Hall at 88th Street: Would you consider helping out if you aren't already involved? To volunteer, please contact Anne Millman at x340 or by email at anniemill@aol.com.

You Can Help Save Gardens

Please contact your council member and let them know that community gardens need to be protected. Many community gardens offer an essential refuge in neighborhoods poorly served by parks; they also serve as centers of constructive community activities and offer respite.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to:

- Fran Manushkin on the death of Fran's beloved brother, Sam Manushkin.

Mazel Tov To:

- Jill Putterman, Henry and Max Kronengold on the birth of their daughter and sister, Nina Yael Kronengold.
- Jerald Abrams and Eilat Gubbay and Talia, Irith, Judah, Alexis, Marge and Roseanne on the birth of their daughter, niece and granddaughter, Naomi Sara Gubbay Abrams.

Todah Rabbah To:

- Harriet Goren for all her hard work redesigning the Kol Jeshurun and helping the office launch the new version.
- All those who contributed to the book drive for Building Bridges Together, a group that assists children on the Island of Jamaica. BJ's book collection was so substantial that the organization was able to start a small children's library in a rural Jamaican village. In addition, the books were used to sponsor activities such as an essay contest and a spelling bee.

BJ is looking for an art exhibit installer to help us set up an exhibit of Israeli children's art coming to BJ in December. Please call Deborah Pinsky, BJ's Executive Director, at x254 or email her at dpinsky@bj.org if you know of anyone who might provide such help.

A BJ member is in need of a kidney transplant. If you are blood type O and you would consider being a living organ donor, please call the BJ rabbinic office at x233 or x234.

CREATING KEHILLA

Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

Tuesday, August 6, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol and Rabbi Rachel Gartner as we welcome in the month of Elul.

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BJ Musicians in Concert

Saturday, August 10, 9:30 PM, at Joe's Pub, 425 Lafayette: BJ musicians Basya Schechter and Noa Hoffeld will play with their band, Pharaoh's Daughter. Cost: \$12 advance/\$15 at the door. Call (212) 539-8770 for tickets and more info.

Class: Preparing for the High Holy Days

Two Tuesdays, August 27 and September 3, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: In this two-session class, we will focus on the meaning of Teshuvah and practices to engage in prior to the High Holy Days, in the hope of highlighting and deepening our personal connection to these awe-inspiring days. Taught by Marshall T. Meyer Fellow Rabbi Rachel Gartner. Cost:

A Teaching from Parashat Re'eh

This Shabbat begins a series on the *perushim* (commentaries) of hasidic master R' Levi Yitzchok of Berdichtov (c. 1740 - 1810), who was known as the Kedushat Levi after the title of his best-loved collection of homilies. The Kedushat Levi was one of the main disciples of the **Maggid of Mezeritch** who was the successor to the **Baal Shem Tov**, the founder of *hasidut*. It was the Kedushat Levi who brought hasidism to Poland. The Kedushat Levi's teachings emphasize fervent prayer and the importance of looking for the good in other people.

See, I present before you today a blessing and a curse. (Devarim 11:26)

Blessing: It is known that God, (Blessed be God), in goodness renews creation day after day. That God (May God be Blessed) gives new clarity (luminescence) and sends forth new kindnesses (*hasadim*) every day. And the person who worships God (May God be Blessed), receives every day a clarity and a new understanding that s/he didn't know the day before. In the way the Sages (may their memory be for a blessing) taught: "*today*" – every day will be in your eyes like new; that is, every day you will receive new blessing and kindness (Kedushat Levi).

Curse: The essence of the Kedushat Levi's teaching is that our ability to receive blessing depends on the quality of our worship. It is only through focused, sincere *kavanah* that we can become "suitable vessels" for God's blessings. Otherwise we may see only the curse.

HIGH HOLY DAYS INFORMATION

Volunteers Needed: Help Usher During the Yamim Nora'im

Ushers are still needed for all shifts at all services, both at SPSA (86 St.) and at FCCS (96 St.). To volunteer, please fill out the attached form and mail or fax it to the BJ Office, attention Carol Dikman. For further info, please contact Carol at x255 or cdikman@bj.org.

Special Needs Seating Requests for Yamim Nora'im

If you have a vision, hearing, and/or mobility need and require Special Needs Seating for the High Holy Days, please complete the form included in your membership renewal packet and return it when you renew your membership. For more info, call x320.

High Holy Days Bimah Flower Fund

Consider making a donation to the High Holy Days Bimah Flower Fund in honor or in memory of a loved one by mailing in your check to the BJ office, specifically marked "HHD Bimah Flower Fund."

High Holy Days Housing Needed For One Adult

If you can host a guest from August 30 to September 17, please call Rebekah at x228.

High Holy Days Choir

The choir has started rehearsing for the High Holy Days services. If you are interested in participating, please call Marta at x303 by Wednesday, August 7 for an audition and rehearsal information.

We attempt to be as accurate as possible concerning the information contained in the Kol Jeshurun. Due to the tight deadlines under which we work, errors can sometimes occur. We apologize in advance for any mistakes.

Free for members/\$30 non-members. Code: 304. Please register by August 14 on BJ's website at www.bj.org or call x256.

BJ Hebrew School announcements:

•**Kite Expert Needed:** The Hebrew School is planning a kite making/flying activity in connection with the holidays of Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret and with a group of children in Israel. We are looking for a kite-enthusiast to lead a demonstration and/or help students build kites. Please contact Linda Specht at x242.

•**Special Educator Needed:** The Hebrew School is seeking a licensed Special Educator, available Mondays and Thursdays, 4:00-6:00 PM, to work with our students and teachers for the 2002-03 school year. If you are interested, please contact Linda Specht at x242

SINGLES Save the Date: Hiking

Sunday, August 18: Watch for details available shortly; or check the singles hotline at x306 and the BJ website for updates.

Save the Date: Singles Retreat

October 18-20, 2002: Boating, swimming, camp fires & Torah! What's not to love? For further details and early bird registration savings check the singles hotline at x306 or the BJ website.

PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY FOR FLYERS AND MORE INFO ON:

- Welcome to BJ • Membership at BJ • Membership Packets • BJ Annual Catalogue • Bikkur Holim • New Havurot Applications • Upcoming Singles Events • Pesah Cookbook Order Form • Summer Fridays at BJ