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MARSHALL T. MEYER RABBINIC FELLOWS

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October 18 – October 25 2002

Shabbat Lekh Lekha

TORAH

Genesis 12:1 – 17:27

TRIENNIAL

Genesis 14:1 – 15:21

HAFTARAH

Isaiah 40:27 – 41:16

Next week: Parashat Va'yera

TORAH

Genesis 18:1 - 22:24

TRIENNIAL

Genesis 19:1 - 20:18

HAFTARAH

II Kings 4:1 - 4:37



SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK:

SHOPPING IN ISRAEL

There is something very important that we can do to help - we can spend money in Israel! You can shop in Eretz Yisrael online. Please visit www.shopinIsrael.com, which links to many sites containing a host of items made in Israel. If 1 million American Jews spend \$100 shopping in Israel, we could raise \$100 million to help our homeland. Keep buying and encourage your friends to do the same. For a list of local stores that carry Israeli articles, visit BJ's website under the Israel section.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Tot Shabbat
Kabbalat Shabbat
Kabbalat Shabbat

Singles Retreat Weekend

5:45 PM – 86th St.
6:00 PM – 88th St.
6:45 PM – 86th St.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Shabbat
Children's Services

9:30 AM – 86th St.
10:45 AM – 86th St.

B'not Mitzvah:

Sabrina Baum
Brianna Morgan

Louis Gilbert, 9:30 AM - Heschel School

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

Morning Minyan
Intro to Judaism
with Rabbi Rachel Gartner
Aesthetics and Spirituality
Re-tale: History of the Torah Service

7:30 AM – 88th St.
7:00 PM – 86th St.
7:00 PM – 9 E. 75th St. #3C
8:00 PM – 86th St.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Morning Minyan
Talmud Introduction
Intermediate Hebrew
God's Resume
with Rabbi Felicia Sol
Creating a Space for the Contemplative
with Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Rachel Cowan

7:30 AM – 88th St.
8:15 AM – 88th St.
6:30 PM – 86th St.
7:00 PM – 86th St.
7:30 PM – 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Morning Minyan
Kesharim
Theology and Meaning in the Prayerbook
with Rabbi Rolando Matalon

7:30 AM – 88th St.
2:00 PM – 88th St.
6:30 PM – 88th St.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

Morning Minyan
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program
Beginner Hebrew
Advanced Beginner Hebrew
Parashat HaShavu'a
with MTM Rabbinic Fellows Meir Feldman and Jessica Zimmerman
Creating a Meaningful Relationship

7:30 AM – 88th St.
12:00 PM – 88th St.
6:30 PM – 86th St.
8:00 PM – 86th St.
7:00 PM – 86th St.
7:00 PM – location to be announced

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The community of B'nai Jeshurun expresses its sincere condolences to:

- Samuel and Phyllis Feder on the death of Samuel's beloved mother, Gertrude Feder.
- Joan Bronk and Adam and Rachel Mimeles on the death of Joan's beloved mother, Charlotte Axelrod.

Mazal Tov To The Following Members And Their Families:

- Sabrina, Simeon, and Gabrielle Baum and Dorothea Cohen on Sabrina becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Brianna and John Morgan and Ellen Corenswet, and Jake Kirsch on Brianna becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Louis, Donald, Kate, Max and Grace Gilbert on Louis becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Caren Wagner and Daniel Begun on their recent engagement.

B'ruchim Haba-im To:

- New BJ members who are participating in the New Member Orientation Program.
- Mary Ellen Friedland with 7th graders and their parents, Temple Emanuel, Kensington, Maryland.
- Rabbi Julie Zupan and Confirmation Class, Temple Beth Ami, Rockville, Maryland.
- Rabbi Sue Shankman and Confirmation Class, Washington Hebrew Congregation, Washington, D.C.
- Cantor Audrey Abrams, Associate Cantor, Beth El Synagogue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Todah Rabbah to Simeon Baum and Duffie Cohen and Ellen Corenswet and John Morgan for the bima flowers in honor of their daughters Sabrina Baum and Briana Morgan becoming B'nat Mitzvah.

LIMUD/LEARNING

ONGOING CLASSES To Register, visit www.bj.org, or call x256.

Retale: The History and Mystery of the Torah Service

Four Mondays, October 21 - November 11, 8:00 PM, at 86th Street: The class will focus on the ritual of the weekly Torah reading's history, evolution, and lesser-known components. Taught by Amichai Lau-Lavie. Cost: Free/\$60; registration required. Code: 377.

Creating a Space for the Contemplative

Four Tuesdays, October 22 - November 12, first class: 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM, other classes: 6 PM - 10 PM, at 88th Street: The class will consist of an introductory session and three in-house retreats of four hours to create a sacred space of peace and reflection. Taught by Rabbis Rachel Cowan and Marcelo Bronstein. Cost: Free; registration required. Code: 322.

Workshop: Creating a Meaningful Relationship

9 Thursdays, October 24 - December 26, & 1 Tuesday, November 24, 7:00 PM, Location TBA: Explore your path to finding a meaningful relationship and your perspective on the role of intimacy in our lives. Taught by Anne Kohn, CSW. Open to single men and women and those in a relationship. Cost: \$150/\$225. Code: 380.

Ani L'Dodi - I Am For My Beloved

3 Thursdays, November 7 - November 21, 7:30 PM, at Apt. #14G, Montana Building, on Broadway between 87th and 88th Streets: We fall in love, get married, and hope to have a meaningful relationship with our spouse and create a loving family life. Do we know how to make this dream come true? What makes a marriage work? We will explore these topics from a Jewish perspective.

FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th Street
Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th Street
Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM – 86th Street

Family Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th Street
Friday, November 1

Wandering Minyan 6:00 PM – 88th Street
Friday, November 1

Tot Shabbat 5:45 PM – 86th Street
Friday, October 18

We are happy to introduce Home Observances. An evolving series, Home Observances will provide explanations of and how-to guides on a wide range of practices to aid you in extending Jewish living and learning into your home. Currently online is a detailed description of Hanukat HaBayit ceremonies including instructions for affixing mezzuzot.

Visiting Rabbinical Student Needs Accommodations

Please join in the great mitzvah of Haknusat Orhim – welcoming guests – by helping us find a host family within walking distance of BJ or Yonatan Szewskis, an Argentine rabbinical student, from December 20 - March 10. If you can help us welcome him as he learns from JTS and the community of B'nai Jeshurun, call x233.

Taught by MTM Rabbinic Fellow Meir Feldman and Juliana Neiman, therapist. Cost: Free; registration required. Code: 366.

Prayer and Synagogue Skills

2 Thursdays, November 7 and 14, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: What is the structure of the service? In this workshop, we will explore the choreography of the service and discuss how we can find meaning in the rigidity of prayer. Cost: free/\$30. Code: 313.

LIMUD ACTIVITIES

Mevarkhim HaHodesh

Saturday, November 2, after services, at 86th Street: In anticipation of the renewal of the moon and the beginning of a new Hebrew month, we will gather for a special kiddush and learning, singing, and storytelling led by Shoshana Jedwab. Registration not required.

Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

Monday, November 4, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: Join us on this holiday traditionally associated with women as we usher in the Hebrew month of Kislev. Registration not required.

Book Club November Meeting

Sunday, November 3, 7:00 PM, at the Montana, Broadway between 87th and 88th: BJ's Book Group, Mo'adon HaSefer HaTov, will meet to discuss Thane Rosenbaum's novel *The Golems of Gotham*, which he will be presenting to the community on October 30. Registration not required.

COMMUNITY Visiting Scholar: Dr. Moshe Halbertal

•**Friday, October 25**, after 6:00 PM services at 88th Street: Join us for dinner and teaching on *The Controversy over Controversy: Mishnaic Perspectives* by scholar-in-residence Dr. Moshe Halbertal, co-director of the Shalom Hartman Institute Beit Midrash Program and teacher of philosophy and Jewish thought at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. To attend the dinner, please register by October 18.

You must register online at www.bj.org or call x304 with your name and number. Also send a check to the BJ office. Cost: \$25 members/\$35 non-members. After October 18 deadline: \$10 additional late fee, if space is available.

•**Saturday, October 26**, 5:00 PM, 86th Street: Join scholar-in-residence Dr. Moshe Halbertal for Shabbat learning on *Religion and Violence: Monotheism's Role*. Registration not required.

COMMUNITY Nuestra Cuba (Our Cuba)

Sunday, October 27, 5:30 PM, at 88th Street: Join the BJ Latin America Committee for a special program featuring Rhonda Mitrani's film, *Cuba Mia*, as well as a multimedia presentation about the recent BJ trip to Cuba. Admission is free. For more info, or to be added to our email list, please call x371 or email to BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com.

COMMUNITY BJ Musician's Havurah

Tuesday, October 29, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: Bring your instruments, favorite music, your spirit and style. Share and teach your music. Jam with and meet other BJ members who are inspired by and love playing Jewish music. For more info, contact: Matt Fried at MattF@aol.com or Matt Turk at matt@turktunes.com.

COMMUNITY LeDor VaDor Workshop for Adult Children

Wednesday, October 30, 7:00 PM, at 86th Street, in the Parlor: The LeDor VaDor Committee is pleased to present a talk by Dr. Frieda Plotkin entitled *How To Tune In and Listen So Parents Can Talk, and Talk So Parents Will Listen*. Frieda Plotkin, Ph.D., analyst and author, focuses on intergenerational communication between adult children and elderly parents, guiding family members to deal with their feelings in a meaningful way and helping grown children as they wrestle with turbulent emotions in making decisions with and for their parents. Individual questions from the audience will be addressed. For more info, call x377.

COMMUNITY Book Reading

Wednesday, October 30, 7:30 PM, at 88th Street: The entire BJ community is invited to a reading by distinguished novelist and BJ member Thane Rosenbaum, who will read from his new novel *The Golems of Gotham* and answer questions. This novel, set on the Upper West Side links themes of Jewish history, renewal, post-Holocaust trauma, mysticism and music. Registration not required.

COMMUNITY BJ Perspective Members Oneg

Friday, November 1, after the 6:45 PM service, at 86th Street, in the Board Room: Why should I join BJ? Come learn more about B'nai Jeshurun and why membership is such an important part of being involved in the community at the next Prospective Members Oneg. For more info, call Hillary Oberstein at x224.

COMMUNITY BJ's Semi-Annual Blood Drive

Wednesday, November 13, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, at 88th Street: Pekuah Nefesh (save a life) by donating blood at the BJ Blood Drive. There is currently a shortage of blood in New York City. As it is written in the Talmud (Tractate Sanhedrin): "If one saves a single soul...[this person] is credited with saving an entire world." By donating blood, you offer the gift of life to three or four people as the blood is broken down into components. A Photo ID is necessary. To sign up, please contact chairs Trudi Levine and Sharon Messitte at x373. This is a mitzvah unlike all others.

COMMUNITY BJ/SPSA Interfaith Theatre Project

Calling all actors, singers, and dancers - you are invited to audition for the BJ/SPSA Interfaith Theatre Project. The Interfaith Arts Committee will be presenting a unique play in December and January with music and dance based on interviews with New Yorkers of different faiths. If you would like to audition, please contact casting director Doug Shearer at (917) 930-1904. Auditions will take place at SPSA during the last week of October and the first week of November. We are also looking for audition and rehearsal pianists.

HAVUROT Single Parents Havurah

Forming now: a new Havurah for single parents to meet one another without children present in a casual atmosphere. Please contact David Zagorski at djzagorski@hotmail.com or (718) 793-0985 for more info.

FAMILIES Tot Shabbat

Friday, October 18, 5:45 PM, at SPSA: Join us for Tot Shabbat, a service for families with children 5 and under. This brief service will be followed by a light kiddush in the Parlor. Tot Shabbat is on the third Friday of every month. You can donate books for the Playing2Win book drive at this month's service - more info about Playing2Win is available on BJ's website. For more info about Tot Shabbat, please contact Hollis at x244 or hgauss@bj.org.

HEBREW SCHOOL Kitah Gimmel Shabbat Dinner

Friday, November 1, after the 6:00 PM family service, at 86th street: We invite all BJHS Kitah Gimmel (third grade) families to sign up for a special Shabbat dinner and program following the Family Shabbat Service. Please RSVP as soon as possible by sending in a check (\$20 adults/\$10 children) and x241 to confirm your reservation.

SINGLES Singles Volunteer Meeting

Wednesday, October 30, 7:00 PM, at the Montana, Broadway between 87th and 88th: Want to get more involved? Join us for the first meeting of the year. Call x306 to RSVP.

SINGLES Intimate At-Home Catered Dinner

November 15, after the 6:00 PM service: Join us for our first At-Home Catered Shabbat dinner for singles and couples. This has been a favorite way to make new friends and share Shabbat in groups of 12-18. BJ members who live on the UWS (within a 15 block radius of BJ) are also needed to host. Host volunteers should call the singles voice-mail ASAP. The application deadline to be either a guest or host is **November 1**. For more info and to register, pick up a flyer in the back of the sanctuary or visit www.bj.org. Co-sponsored with the Hakhnasat Orchim Committee.

SINGLES Thanksgiving Oneg

Friday, November 8, after the 6:45 PM service, at 86th Street: Kick off a month of Thanksgiving, football and fun by meeting that someone special to share this season's offerings with you and shmooze at our monthly gathering. Refreshments served. SEE YOU THERE!

West Side Israel Fair

Saturday, November 2, 8:00 PM and Sunday, November 3, 9:00 AM, at the Manhattan Day School, 310 West 75th Street: Join BJ and the West Side Community in support of Israel. Just in time for Hanukkah, the fair will feature over 40 Israeli merchants and artisans selling a vast array of quality items, a Sunday morning children's program, a raffle and great food. Also needed are volunteers to help with set-up and assisting vendors. To volunteer and for more info, call Anne Kohn at x240. Please join us!

Frequent Flier Miles Needed

The BJ Latin America Committee is looking to send a talented young leader of the Cuban Jewish community to the Limmud Jewish Learning Conference in the UK this December. If you can donate 40,000 frequent flier miles (in return for a tax-deduction, based on the fair market value of the flight) please call x371 or send an email to BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com.

Beit Rabban Open House

Monday, October 28, 8:00 PM, at 8 West 70th Street: Beit Rabban features small classes, committed teachers, respect for individual learning styles and offers non-graded evaluations. Hebrew language immersion begins in Kindergarten. Interested families are invited to an open house. For more info, please call 595-1386 and speak to Sharon Laufer.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Large Print Texts

Large print siddurim are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please ask an usher for assistance if you would like one.

A Note from the Ushers

Please place damaged books or tallitot in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary. We also ask that all men wear kippot during services.

For the comfort and safety of all, please refrain from wearing perfume and heavily scented products at services.

Saturday morning ushers needed for services at 86th Street throughout the year. Please contact Deborah Pinsky at x254 or dpinsky@bj.org.

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.

A Teaching from Parashat Lekh Lekha

In this week's parashah we read that King Kidarlaomer conquers and loots the city of Sodom. In the process Avraham's nephew Lot is captured. Avraham then rescues Lot, captures the stolen property, and the captives. The king of Sodom approaches Avraham and asks for the return of the captives, leaving the goods to remain in Avraham's hands.

However Avraham insists on returning the goods as well, saying:

I WILL NOT TAKE SO MUCH AS A THREAD OR A SHOE-STRAP (Genesis 14:23)

The Me'or Eynayim teaches: In tractate Sotah of the Talmud, Rava taught: "Because Avraham said: 'I will not take a thread or shoe-strap', his offspring were rewarded with two commandments, the thread of tzitzit and the straps of tefillin...

Now it is known that the commandment of the tzitzit is sometimes considered as precious as all of the other commandments put together, since it constantly reminds one of God. When you look at the fringes at the four corners, you are reminded of the One whose glory fills all the earth [and of the fact that] in all the four directions there is no place devoid of God.

This teaching from the Me'or Eynayim reminds us that our righteous actions can have ripple-effects extending far beyond their immediate impact. May our tzitzit and our tefillin and all of our Jewish practices remind us to take heed of our actions so that others experience them as hints of God's presence within and among us.

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 • Fall Limud Brochure
- Upcoming Singles Events • Visiting Scholar Dr. Moshe Halbertal Dinner Sign-up Form • LeDor VaDor Workshop for Adult Children
- At-Home Catered Dinner on November 15