



Shabbat Hayei Sarah • Mevarkhim HaHodesh

TORAH
Genesis 23:1 - 25:18

TRIENNIAL
Genesis 24:10 - 24:52

HAFTARAH
I Kings 1:1 - 1:31

Next week: Parashat Toldot

TORAH
Genesis 25:19 - 28:9

TRIENNIAL
Genesis 26:23 - 27:27

HAFTARAH
Malakhi 1:1 - 2:7



SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK:

BJ's Semi-Annual Blood Drive:
Wednesday, November 13, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM, at 88th Street: Pikuah 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.

RABBIS

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November 1 – November 8, 2002

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 PM – 88th St.
Kitah Gimmel Shabbat Dinner	after 6:00 PM Family Service – 86th St.
Wandering Minyan	6:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:45 PM – 86th St.
Prospective Members Oneg	after 6:45 PM service – 86th St. Social Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Shabbat Services	9:30 AM – 86th St.
Children's Services	10:45 AM – 86th St.
Bar Mitzvah	Nathan Adler
Bat Mitzvah	Maia Kallen
StorahTelling: O Well - The Tale of Rebecca	10:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall
Mevarkhim HaHodesh Learning	12:30 PM – 86th St. Social Hall
West Side Israel Fair	8:00 PM - 12:30 AM – Manhattan Day School

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88th St.
West Side Israel Fair	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM – Manhattan Day School
Family Pre-Hanukkah Sing-Along	10:00 AM – 88th St.
Book Club Meeting	7:00 PM – Montana Building
Gesher	5:00 PM – 88th St.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Intro to Judaism	7:00 PM – 86th St.
Rosh Hodesh Women's Group	7:00 PM – 86th St.
Re-Tale: History of the Torah Service	8:00 PM – 86th St.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Talmud Introduction	8:15 AM – 88th St.
Intermediate Hebrew	6:30 PM – 86th St.
God's Resume	7:00 PM – 86th St.
Creating a Space for the Contemplative	6:00 PM – 88th St.

Rosh Hodesh Kislev

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Kesharim	2:00 PM – 88th St.
An Evening with James Wolfensohn <i>President, World Bank</i>	7:30 PM – 88th St.

Rosh Hodesh Kislev

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program	12:00 PM – 88th St.
Beginner Hebrew	6:30 PM – 86th St.
Advanced Beginner Hebrew	8:00 PM – 86th St.
Parashat HaShavu'a	7:00 PM – 86th St.
Creating a Meaningful Relationship	7:00 PM – call x240 for location
Prayer and Synagogue Skills	7:00 PM – 88th St.
Ani L'Dodi	7:30 PM – Montana Building

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the tragic deaths of Senator Paul Wellstone, his wife Sheila, and their daughter Sierra and extends deep sympathy to their sons and brothers, David and Mark Wellstone and the American people and the world Jewish community. Senator Wellstone was a dear friend and active supporter of justice and human rights.

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

- Nancy Beal Mostow and Michael Mostow on the death of Nancy's beloved mother, Cynthia Beal.
- David and Mark Wellstone on the death of Senator Paul Wellstone, his wife Sheila, and their daughter Sierra.
- Vicki and Bill Abrams on the death of Bill's cousin, Justin Friedman.
- Lenore Ruben on the death of her beloved mother, Selma Ruben.

Mazal Tov To The Following Members And Their Families:

- Nathan, Dennis, Garrett and Drew Adler, and Robin Aronow on Nathan becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Maia and Laurel Kallen, Michael and Chloe Piazza on Maia becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Nathalie, Edward, Bella, Joan, Joseph and Nathan Kaplan, on the birth of their daughter, sister, granddaughter and niece, Lily Micheline Kaplan.
- Evie Klein and Bob and Augusta Owens on the birth of their son and brother, Henry Owens.
- Estare and David Weiser on the upcoming marriage of their son, Philip Weiser to Heidi Wald.
- Toni Siegel, Peter Sturtevant, and Gillian Sturtevant on the birth of their granddaughter and niece, Kyla Anne Norton.

B'ruchim Haba-im To:

- Rabbi Jonathan Berkun and Confirmation Class, Shaarey Zedek, Southfield, Michigan

FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 PM – 88th Street
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Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service Friday, November 1	6:00 PM – 88th Street
Wandering Minyan Friday, November 1	6:00 PM – 88th Street
Tot Shabbat Friday, November 15	5:45 PM – 86th Street
Saturday Shabbat Service	9:30 AM – 86th Street

Today Rabbah To:

- Kehillat Limud participants Ted Berger, Marion Blumenthal, Paul Greenberg, Nancy Greenblatt, Kristin Harris, David Karnofsky, Avi Lewittes, Ted Metzger, Steve Miller, Joanne Palmer Sherman, Shari Posen, Sara Nathan, Fretta Reitzes, Susan Kippur, and Karen Radkowsky for sponsoring the Mevarkhim HaHodesh learning.

Support the HFBS on Parashat Hayei Sarah

This is the Shabbat when we read of Sarah's burial. For hundreds of poor Jews, there is no family to bury them or no funds for their burial. The HFBS provides burials for them at no cost. We have always asked our congregants to support the HFBS particularly on Shabbat Hayei Sarah. Brochures are available at the back of the sanctuary if you would like to make a donation.

LIMUD/LEARNING

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

ACTIVITIES

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. **Please register by Monday, November 4.**

Creating Modern Midrash

8 Wednesdays, December 4 - February 5 (no class December 25, January 1), 7:30 PM, at 86th Street: This creative writing workshop is based on the Biblical text, but departs from it to a raw and complex universe. We will try to connect to the text in a personal and evocative way to allow the artist to talk. The participants will be expected to write and read out loud in class. Cost: Free; registration required. Code: 308.

Theology and Meaning in the Prayerbook

Four Wednesdays, November 13 - December 11, 6:30 PM (last class 6:00 PM), at 88th Street: This class will examine the history of the Shabbat evening prayers. Taught by Rabbi Rolando Matalon. Cost: Free. Code: 305. **Note: no class Wednesday, November 6.**

Creating a Space for the Contemplative

Two Tuesdays, November 5 and 12, 6:00 PM, at 88th Street: This class creates a sacred space of peace and reflection. Taught by Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Rachel Cowan. Cost: Free; registration required. Code: 322.

StorahTelling: O Well - The Tale of Rebecca

Saturday, November 2, 10:30 AM, at 86th Street in the Social Hall: Join us for StorahTelling - a ritual performance of the weekly Torah reading with Amichai Lau-Lavie and the StorahTelling Troupe inside the Tent of Meeting. Registration not required.

Mevarkhim HaHodesh: Healing Human Dignity - Two Models of Tikkun from the Mishna

Saturday, November 2, after services, at 86th Street in the Social Hall: 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.

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*.

Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

Monday, November 4, 7:00 PM, at 86th Street in the Parlor: Join us on this holiday traditionally associated with women as we usher in the Hebrew month of Kislev. Registration not required. **Note new location:** 86th Street in the Parlor.

For info on additional Limud classes, please see the **Fall Limud Brochure** available at the back of the sanctuary or visit www.bj.org.

COMMUNITY

•Shabbat Guests: Yoel Sharon and Avi Ohry

Friday, November 1, at the 6:45 PM service: We will host Yoel Sharon, a disabled veteran of the Yom Kippur War, and Professor Avi Ohry, head of the Rehabilitation Department at Tel Ha-Shomer Medical Center. They are the founders of Etgarim, an organization that provides outdoor sports and recreational activities for the disabled. They are in the city to accompany Etgarim members participating in the New York Marathon on November 3.

•BJ Prospective 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.

•An Evening with James Wolfensohn

Wednesday, November 6, 7:30 PM, at 88th Street: Join us for a special evening with James Wolfensohn, President of the World Bank, for a talk, *The World From My Perspective*. As President of the World Bank, Mr. Wolfensohn has traveled to more than 100 countries to gain first-hand experience of the challenges facing the World Bank's member countries. Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Wolfensohn also initiated the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative (HIPC) to address the needs of the world's poorest countries. **Note new time: 7:30 PM.**

•BJ's Semi-Annual Blood Drive

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•Intimate At-Home Catered Dinner

Friday, November 15, after the 6:00 PM service: Be thankful a few weeks early this year at our next At-Home Catered Shabbat dinner for singles and couples. These informal gatherings of 12 to 18 people in BJ members' Upper West Side homes are a favorite way to meet other BJ members. Members who live within a 15 block radius of BJ are needed to host. Host volunteers should complete an application on-line or call the Singles Voicemail at x306 ASAP. The application deadline to be a guest is **November 8**. Guests can download an application at www.bj.org or pick up a flyer at the back of the sanctuary. Co-sponsored by the Singles and Hakhnasat Orhim Committees.

•Ledor Vador Shabbat Intergenerational Lunch

Saturday, November 16, 1:00 PM, at 88th Street in Frankel Hall: You are invited with friends and family to the Ledor Vador Shabbat Intergenerational Lunch following Shabbat services. The program will include a musical mixture of English, Hebrew and Yiddish traditional, Jewish folk, and Hanukkah selections performed by the Peace of Heart Choir. We will also be joined by Rabbi Rachel Gartner. Please RSVP by **November 8** by calling the Ledor Vador Committee at x334 and also send a check for \$12 per person, marked Ledor Vador 11/16/02, to the BJ Office.

•Merkavah: Torah of Peace

Wednesday, November 16, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: Join Gabriel Meyer and Amir Paiss for a spiritual journey through the soul of

Israel. The video *Sulha - Reconciliation and Healing of the Children of Abraham* will be shown at 7:00 PM. Merkavah will begin playing at 7:45 PM. This is a journey with participatory chants, "soundtrekking" through the soul of Israel. Cost: \$15/\$10 students and seniors, payable at the door. For more info, call x240.

•Beyond Argentina Shabbat Dinner

Friday, November 22, after 6:00 PM services, at 88th Street: Join the BJ Latin America Committee for a Shabbat dinner with Dr. William Recant of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Dr. Recant will speak about the growing economic crisis affecting Latin American Jewry. To sign up, please register online at www.bj.org or call x371 by **November 15**. Cost: \$25 members/\$35 non members. After the November 15 deadline: \$10 additional late fee, if space is available.

HEBREW SCHOOL

•Kitah Gimmel Shabbat Dinner: **Friday, November 1**, after the 6:00 PM Family Kabbalat Shabbat service, at 86th street - For those who registered, please join us.

•Kitah Aleph Lunch: **Saturday, November 16** - Families with first grade children are invited to join us for Children's Services beginning at 10:45 AM and a Shabbat meal at 12:30 PM. Sign-up required. RSVP by **November 8**. Send a check and confirm your reservation by calling x241. Cost: \$20 adults/\$10 children.

FAMILIES

•Pre-Hanukkah Family Sing-Along

Sunday, November 3, 10 AM, at 88th Street: Hanukkah isn't for another four weeks, but it's not too early to get into the spirit of the holiday! Join Shira Kline, songleader extraordinaire, for Hanukkah singing, dancing, and stories, specially created for families with children 5 and under. This program is sponsored by the Miriam L. Siroky Fund for Family Education. For more info, please contact Hollis at x244 or hgauss@bj.org.

•Families Cooking for the Shelter

Tuesday, November 12, 5:00 PM, at 88th Street in Frankel Hall: This month, families with children in kindergarten are invited to prepare a meal for guests of BJ's Homeless Shelter, set the table together, and conclude with an age-appropriate study about the mitzvah of feeding the hungry. Please call Beth Kern at 724-5336 to volunteer.

•Tot Shabbat

Friday, November 15, 5:45 PM, at SPSA: Join us for our monthly Tot Shabbat, a service for families with children 5 and under, followed by a light kiddush in the Parlor. For more info about Tot Shabbat, please contact Hollis at x244 or hgauss@bj.org.

SINGLES

Tuesdays with Morrie

Wednesday, December 11, 8 PM, at the Minetta Lane Theatre (18 Minetta Lane): Join us for *Tuesdays with Morrie* - a dramatization of the best-selling book by Mitch Albom, an autobiographical story of an accomplished career-driven journalist, and Morrie Schwartz, his former college professor. To reserve your seat(s) you must RSVP by **December 4** by calling x306 and leaving your name and phone number **AND** send a check to B'nai Jeshurun. Or register on-line at www.bj.org. Cost: \$45/members/\$50/non-members. Space limited.

See BJ's website for more Singles Events information:

Shake It on the Dance Floor with Reba Perez, **Sunday, November 3**

Film Screening at Makor, **Monday, November 4**

Thanksgiving Oneg, **Friday, November 8**

West Side Israel Fair

Saturday, November 2, 8:00 PM - 12:30 PM and **Sunday, November 3**, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, 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.

Shelter Volunteer Orientation

Monday, November 11, 6:30 PM, at 88th Street: Are you a new shelter volunteer? Thinking about volunteering? Have you pledged to work for the shelter? Or do you want to update your shelter-related skills? Come to the orientation for shelter volunteers. Please RSVP by email to Anne Millman at anniemill@aol.com or leave a message at x340.

Frequent Flier Miles Needed

The BJ Latin America Committee is trying 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.

Holocaust Insurance Claims Extended

The International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims has extended the deadline to obtain benefits from Holocaust-era insurance policies to March 30, 2003. For help or more info, contact the New York Holocaust Claims Processing Office at (800) 695-3318. You can also obtain claim forms by calling (800) 957 - 3203.

This Month in Israel's History: British White Papers

In November, 1938, the British Government, unable to reach an agreement between the Arabs of Palestine and the Jewish Agency on British Immigration Policy, bowed to Arab pressure and issued the infamous British White Papers. This document limited total Jewish immigration to 75,000 over a five year period. In effect, this document closed the door to thousands of European Jews who wanted to leave Europe but had no where to go. The United States had already shut its doors to Jews seeking to immigrate to the States. In response to this, the Haganah ran an illegal blockade but were successful in bringing in only a trickle of Jews into Palestine.

Ramah Day Camp Open House

Tuesday, November 12, 7:30 PM: Ramah Day Camp for pre-K to 7th grade in Nyack, NY, is hosting an informal meeting for prospective parents at The Cantor home. For more info, call 678-8884.

Tuesdays with Morrie

BJ board member David Singer is presenting **Tuesdays With Morrie**, a new play based on Mitch Albom's best-selling book, which dramatizes the relationship between Albom and his mentor, Morrie Schwartz. Opens November 1 at the Minetta Lane Theatre. For discount tickets for performances through December 15 (up to 50% off), go to www.ticketmaster.com and enter Code MNYTCARD1.

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

For those attending the Friday night service at 88th St., please return your siddurim to the back of the sanctuary as you leave. 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 or heavily scented products at services.

Saturday Morning Ushers Needed

If you can usher on Saturday mornings, please call Deborah at x254.

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 Hayei Sarah

Now Abraham was old (Bereshit 24:1)

In his commentary on this verse, the Me'or Eynayim quotes the ancient Sages: "Until Avraham, there was no old age. When people couldn't distinguish between him and Isaac, Avraham himself came forth and prayed for old age."

Since the word for old age (zaken) and the word for beard (zakan) differ by only one vowel sound, the Me'or Eynayim taught that when Avraham prayed for old age, he was really praying for "beard." For the Me'or Eynayim, "beard" had a deep symbolic significance.

The Kabbalists often represented God's qualities through the image of a body. Thus God's highest quality - that of being endlessly merciful - was represented through the highest part of the body, the head. It is through the divine beard that endless mercy flows down into this world. Thus the Me'or Eynayim taught that when Avraham prayed for old age, he was really praying for mercy to enter into the world. But according to the Me'or Eynayim, mercy did not enter the world merely through Avraham's prayer. He taught:

"When Avraham...walked in God's ways, offering loving-kindness to all God's creatures, this aroused in God a desire to conduct the world accordingly."

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

- Welcome to BJ • Membership at BJ • Membership Packets • BJ Annual Catalogue • Limud Catalogue • Bikkur Holim • New Havurot Applications
- Upcoming Singles Events • Israel Day Fair • November 15 At-Home Catered Dinner Sign-up Form