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**PARASHAT KI TAVO**

**TORAH**

**ANNUAL:** Deuteronomy 26:1 - 29:8

**TRIENNIAL:** Deuteronomy 26:12 - 28:6

**HAFTARAH:** Isaiah 60:1 - 60:22

**NEXT WEEK**

**PARASHAT NITZAVIM-VAYELEKH**

**TORAH**

**ANNUAL:** Deuteronomy 29:9 - 31:30

**TRIENNIAL:** Deuteronomy 30:1 - 31:6

**HAFTARAH:** Isaiah 61:10 - 63:9



**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK**

**• Ushers Needed On Yom Kippur**

Volunteer ushers are desperately needed to fill many shifts on Yom Kippur (at 86th and 96th Streets) including Kol Nidre. So far, 164 members have responded to our ushering needs and we thank those who have offered to participate. Our coverage on Rosh Hashana is perfect, but Yom Kippur continues to present a serious problem as there are still many gaps. Having a sufficient number of ushers adds a warm touch to the holidays. However, more importantly, a strong presence of ushers helps us to provide a safe environment for our community.

- We need volunteers on all Kol Nidre shifts, excluding the Kol Nidre Appeal.

- On the day of Yom Kippur, we especially need volunteers for the last shift, Ne'ilah. But help is needed throughout the day.

To volunteer, please fill out the usher's form that you received by post recently and mail it or fax it to Carol Dikman, x255. Thank you in advance for all efforts.

Usher's Orientation meetings have been scheduled for 96th Street (on site) on Wednesday, September 17 at 6 PM and for 86th Street (also on site) on Thursday, September 18, at 6 PM.

**Sept. 12 - Sept. 19, 2003**

**15 Elul - 22 Elul 5763**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
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 Oneg Shabbat

6:00 PM – 88th St.  
 6:45 PM – 86th St.  
 after services – 86th St.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

Shabbat Service  
 Bat Mitzvah  
 Naming  
 Aliyat Hatan Ve Kallah  
 Children's Service  
 Community Kiddush

9:30 AM – 86th St.  
 Jessica Elisabeth Hendel  
 Maya Elianna Lewis  
 Eric Robbins and Shari Herzberg  
 10:45 AM – 86th St.  
 12:30 PM – 86th St.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

Morning Minyan  
 Race/Walk for the Cure (p. 2)  
 LISHMAH, Rabbi Matalon, Rabbi Bronstein  
 & R.abbi Sol (p. 2)

9:30 AM – 88th St.  
 Central Park  
 9:00 AM – Skirball Center

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

Morning Minyan  
 Preparing for the High Holy Days,  
 Rabbi Feldman (p. 2)

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

Morning Minyan  
 Class: Preparing for Teshuva,  
 Rabbi Feldman (p. 2)  
 Kesharim

7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 8:30 AM – 88th St.  
 2:00 PM – 88th St.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

Morning Minyan  
 Judith Bernstein Lunch Program  
 Conversion Candidate Gathering

7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 12:00 PM – 88th St., Frankel Hall  
 7:30 PM – BJ Office (2109 Broadway, 203)

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**YAMIM NORA'IM**

**• Membership at B'nai Jeshurun**

If you haven't yet renewed your membership, make sure to do so as soon as possible. Please note that we will not be mailing out entrance cards for the High Holy Days after September 12. Starting September 15, you will have to come to our office to pick up entrance cards. For membership, contact Hillary Oberstein, x224, hoberstein@bj.org.

**• Selihot Is Around the Corner**

**September 20, 88th St.:** At 9:45 PM, join us for a Kabbalat Selihot study session with Dr. Moshe Halbertal on "Confession and Repentance," followed by Ma'avar Hatzot (reception) at 11:15PM, and Selihot be-Hatzi Halaila at 12AM.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAMAKOM YENAH'EM

The Community Of B'nai Jeshurun Extends Sincere Condolences to Jim, Peggy, Henry and Michelle Edelson on the death of Jim's beloved mother, Rita Edelson.

### MAZAL TOV

To The Following Members And Their Families:

- Jessica, Jon and Naomi Hendel and Traci Slatton on Jessica becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Gabrielle Silver, Jonathan and Yaniv Lewis on the naming of their daughter and sister, Maya Elianna Lewis.
- Mark W. Schleisner and Vivien Hoexter on their recent engagement.
- Shari Herzberg and Eric Robbins on their upcoming wedding.

### B'RUKHIM HABA'IM

- The Gvanim delegation, comprised of visiting senior faculty and administration from Israel's leading teachers' colleges who are here on a study mission as they plan for the establishment of training programs for Israeli teachers on Jewish identity, Diaspora-Israel relations and American Jewish life

• **This Week's Community Kiddush And The Flowers For The Bimah Are Sponsored by** Jon Hendel and Traci Slatton, in honor of Jessica becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

## LIMUD/LEARNING

### CLASSES

• **AFTER MORNING MINYAN: Preparing for Teshuva!?!  
Wednesdays, September 10, 17, 24, 8:30 - 9:00 AM, 88th St.:** Let's do it together with Maimonides' Hilkhot Teshuva (Laws of Repentance). Come study with the Marshall T. Meyer Fellows. **NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE "PREPARING FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS" CLASS BELOW.**

• **Preparing for the High Holy Days  
3 Tuesdays (Sept. 9, 16, 23), 7-8:30 pm, 88th Street Sanctuary.** Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are the spiritual highlights of the Jewish year. These holidays provide a unique opportunity for introspection, honesty and forgiveness. By spending the month of Elul preparing, we can help to create the most meaningful experience possible as we stand before God and pray to be written and sealed for a good year. This class will focus on the meaning of Teshuva in Rabbinic, Hassidic and contemporary sources, selected prayers from the Mahzor, and practices to engage in prior to the holidays. Rabbi Meir Feldman. Pre-registration required, free/\$45. CODE: 409. **NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE "PREPARING FOR TESHUVA" CLASS ABOVE.**

• **LISHMAH: "A Day Of Traditional And Untraditional Learning"  
September 14, 9:00 AM-7:00 PM, Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning, 10 E. 66th St.:** Join Jews from all walks of Jewish life for a day in which the many paths of Torah converge in one place. LISHMAH convenes leading rabbis, writers, musicians, social activists, storytellers, scholars, and more for a day of lectures, panel discussions, performances, and workshops that reflect the multiple perspectives that Jewish text and tradition inspire. **Rabbi Felicia L. Sol** is a co-founder of LISHMAH and will participate, as will **Rabbis J. Rolando Matalon and Marcelo Bronstein**. We will have the chance to encounter teachers with whom we may not have studied, as well as some familiar to the BJ community. We will also learn with Jews whom we might not otherwise know. Cost: \$18 pre-registration and students; \$25 registration at the door. For more info, visit [www.lishmah.org](http://www.lishmah.org).

### • Flower Fund Donations

As the High Holy Days approach, one way to help enhance the beauty and atmosphere of our services is by making a donation to the Flower Fund in honor or memory of a loved one. To make a contribution, please contact Rebekah at x 228.

### • Choir Open Rehearsals

In preparation for the Yamim Nora'im, we invite the BJ community to participate in the choir's open rehearsals on Wednesday, September 17 at 8:30 PM, Monday, September 22 at 8 PM and Monday, September 29 at 8 PM, all at FCCS (96th & Central Park W).

• **Congregation B'nai Jeshurun Extends Its Sincere Gratitude** to the hard-working volunteer ushers who made this summer's services run so smoothly: Jeff Yablonka, Harvey Israelton, Rae Carole Fischer, Elliot Davis, Bernice Todres, Melissa Remis, Amy Korn, Matthew Pasher, Henry Weinberger, Michael Slepian, Marc Lavine, Anita Haravon, Betsy Imershein, Harriette Weissman, Susan Lieberman, and David Zagorski.

### • New BJ Office Address

**2109 Broadway (The Ansonia), Suite 203, New York, NY 10023,** same telephone, same fax. Enter the building on 73rd St. between Broadway and West End Aves. Take the elevator to the 2nd floor, make 3 right turns and go down the hall to the glass office door.

### • Creating a Meaningful Relationship: Workshop for Single Men & Women

**8 Thursdays (October 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20, December 4, 11, 18); & 2 Tuesdays (November 25, December 23), 7:00 - 8:30PM, Location: TBA.** Join clinician Anne Kohn and explore your personal path to finding a meaningful relationship. The workshop, open to single men and women (anyone in a relationship is also welcome to join), will explore our individual perspectives on the role of intimacy and commitment in our lives, help clarify what we are looking for in a relationship, articulate what we bring to the table, and define ways to create what we wish for. COST: \$150/\$225, CODE: 425. Attendees must begin on the first day of class. For more info, call Anne at x240.

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

#### • Habimah National Theater of Israel at Symphony Space

After four decades, Habimah National Theatre will be at Symphony Space from Thursday, September 18 through Sunday, September 21. Habimah will perform two works: *Kaddish L'Naomi* and *Summer of Aviyah*, featuring renowned actress Gila Almagor. For more details, contact Dina at the Consulate General of Israel in New York – 212-499-5413. For tickets and additional information, visit: [www.israelfm.org/culture](http://www.israelfm.org/culture) or [www.symphonyspace.org](http://www.symphonyspace.org).

#### • Ledor Vador Sukkot Lunch

Please join the Ledor Vador Committee on Wednesday October 15 at 1 PM for an informal lunch in the BJ 86th Street Sukkah to help celebrate Sukkot. Marshall T. Meyer Intern Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman will lead us in a discussion about the holiday. This is a perfect way to continue and reinforce all that we have gained from Yom Kippur. Please bring your own lunch and BJ will provide drinks and desserts. Be sure to include friends and family in this new Ledor Vador mid-week holiday tradition. Respond at x334 by October 6.

#### • Get On Board The Men's Havurah

**Monday, September 16, 7:00 PM:** The Men's Havurah meets every other Monday. There's still room to join this unique circle of men as we gather to create a stimulating spiritual dialogue. For info, contact Sonny Greenwald at [sonnyfit@aol.com](mailto:sonnyfit@aol.com), 212-769-0350.

**Join The BJ Team For The Race/Walk For The Cure**  
**September 14**, in Central Park: We need community support to raise funds and consciousness to combat and someday eliminate breast cancer. Men are also welcome, so families and friends can show their support together. For info, contact Glenda Frank at glfrank@erols.com or (212) 749-0160.

• **Conversion Candidates of 2002-04**

We have an incredible group of people, all in some stage of the pre- or post-conversion process. At BJ, we know full well that Jewish life is meant to be experienced within community, and at a place as large as BJ that can be a real challenge. So, help us help you make a community within BJ. We will prepare for the High Holy Days and discuss several future gatherings. DATE: Thursday, September 18; TIME: 7:30pm-9:00pm; PLACE: BJ's Office, 2109 Broadway (73rd & Broadway, Ste. 203). For questions, contact Rabbi Meir Feldman, mfeldman@bj.org.

• **Latin America Committee Planning Meeting**

**Tuesday, Oct 14**, 6:30 PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: The Latin America Committee educates the BJ community about Latin American Jewish arts, culture, history and current affairs. Want to get involved in our upcoming programs and events? Come to our fall planning meeting. For further information, please call x371 or send an email to LatinAmerica@yahoo.com.

• **Readers, Rejoice! This Fall, BJ Will Honor Its Authors**

IN TRIBUTE TO OUR WRITERS: On Sunday, November 9, BJ will host an evening honoring the many authors in our community, with readings, discussion, a children's program and book sales. All authors who have recently published a book, whether fiction or non-fiction, and would like to participate, should call Anne at x240.

**SINGLES**

• **Oneg Shabbat**

**Friday, September 12:** The New Year is almost here, so it's time to make good on that resolution by meeting someone new at our monthly gathering. Meet great, upbeat people in the Social Hall of SPSPA (86th Street) following 6:45PM services at our monthly gathering. Refreshments served. SEE YOU THERE!

• **Dorot (Rosh Hashanah) Package Delivery**

**Sunday, September 21:** Do a mitzvah on Sunday at 11am at our first of three package deliveries. We will meet at Dorot (171 West 85th St. near Amsterdam) for a brief orientation and then pair up in teams to make our deliveries to homebound elderly on the Upper West Side. Spend quality time with someone who will very much appreciate your time to chat and visit. Please RSVP by September 11 by calling x306 and leaving your name and phone number.

• **BJ Community Break Fast**

**Monday, October 6:** Join us on Monday, October 6 following Yom Kippur Services at 88th Street, Frankel Hall, for a community Break Fast, co-sponsored by the Singles and Shabbat B'Yahad committees. To register, fill out the registration form on the web at www.bj.org, leave a message at x306 with your name and phone number AND send a check marked "BJ Community Break Fast" to the BJ office by September 29 or email Michael at mkelberg@bj.org. Cost \$20/members; \$30/non-members. Members have priority in registration.

• **Creating a Meaningful Relationship: Workshop for Single Men & Women**

See the Limud section of this Kol Jeshurun for details (p. 2).

• **Singles Retreat**

**Friday, October 31 – Sunday, November 2:** People raved about last year's retreat and this one will be even better!!! The best way to meet new people is by spending a Shabbat filled with food, learning and fun. Join Marcelo, the BJ Rabbinic Fellows and a cast of BJ characters at the Block and Hexter Vacation Center for the best weekend of your life. Boating, Swimming, Camp Fires & Torah!! What's not to love? Special Friday & Saturday night programs. Call x306 for early bird registration savings!! Look for applications now available online at www.bj.org. Questions call x306.

**FAMILY LIFE**

• **BJHS: Parents Orientation At The Heschel School**

**Monday, September 15**, 7:30-9:30 PM at the Heschel School, 270 W. 89th Street.

• **7th Grade Families Cooking For The Shelter**

**Tuesday, September 16**, 5 PM, Frankel Hall: All 7th graders and their families are invited to help prepare a simple meal for guests of BJ's homeless shelter. To volunteer, please call Beth Kern, 212-724-5336, Harriet Saltzman, 212-496-1892, or Ulrika Citron, 212-877-0880.

• **Young Judaea Information Session**

**Wednesday, September 24**, 7 PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Parents of children in 2nd through 7th grade are invited to learn about BJ's new partnership with Young Judaea, the Zionist Youth Movement sponsored by Hadassah. Meet our clubs' advisory and regional staff, and hear about great social, educational, and fun programming this year. To RSVP, please contact Hollis at hgauss@bj.org or x244.

• **8th Grade, Geshet, And Moadim Registrations Due**

Please remember to register your teenager for 8th Grade, Geshet, or monthly Moadim programming. For registration materials, please contact Hollis at hgauss@bj.org or x244. All teens are welcome to try 8th grade and Geshet, which meet on Tuesday evenings at 5 PM in BJ's conference rooms at the Ansonia. The first Moadim event will be on Sunday, October 26 at 5 PM.

**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE**

• **Stand Up For Justice And Workers' Rights**

The Greater New York Labor-Religion Coalition is currently fighting for the rights of workers at the CINTAS Corporation, North America's largest uniform laundry service, where employees have been experiencing high levels of discrimination and harassment, and earning poverty level wages. For information on how you can help, please contact Rabbi Michael Feinberg at the Greater New York Labor-Religion Coalition, 212-406-2156, x4637.

• **We Need Volunteers To Sleep Over At The BJ/SPSPA Homeless Shelter**

Our shelter feeds and houses up to 10 guests, Monday through Thursday. We need volunteers to commit to one night each month to sleep over, or set up meals and beds, or prepare or donate food. One night a month is not a huge commitment. We hope you will come forward at this time of need. For info, contact Robert Imershein at Rimershein@capstarny.com or 212-339-4250.

• **Mid East Peace Quilt At St. John The Divine**

The Mid East Peace Quilt is hanging in the St. John the Divine Gallery space off of the nave. Special programs run September 14 - 21, including story-telling, family art projects and much more. Please come and support our dialogue family.

• **Become a Telephone Companion Volunteer!**

Help a new Jewish American practice English. For information, call Tamar Baumgold, 212-721-9037.

• **9/11-Related Mental Health Program Is Available**

The September 11th Fund (under the Mental Health Association) is sponsoring a program that will pay \$3,000 for psychotherapy per person to the therapist of one's choosing if the person has no insurance or has out-of-pocket costs associated with therapy. To be eligible, an individual (or dependent) who was directly affected by 9/11 events, i.e., worked near the WTC; worked near the WTC and lost their job or are now underemployed (earning 70% or less of their pre-9/11 salary); or lived south of Canal Street and were dislocated from their homes. Benefits are retroactive to 9/11. For more info on the program and eligibility, call 800-543-3638 or visit [www.9-11mentalhealth.org](http://www.9-11mentalhealth.org).

• **Do You Love The Music Of BJ's Shabbat Services?**

You can take it home with you by purchasing our CD, "With Every Breath," featuring Rabbis Roly Matalon and Marcelo Bronstein and Cantor Ari Priven. Cost: \$18. Buy online at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org), or drop by the office between 9:00 and 4:30, Monday to Thursday, and until 3:30 on Friday.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

• **Membership at B'nai Jeshurun**

Are you considering joining BJ? Would you like information about becoming a member? Call Hillary Oberstein, Director of Membership, at x224 or email Hillary at [hoberstein@bj.org](mailto:hoberstein@bj.org).

• **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. Place damaged books or tallitot in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary. We also ask that men wear kippot during services.

So that we may make preparations for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes prior to the beginning of services.

*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. If you need any Hebrew words translated, please call Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman, x253 or Rabbi Meir Feldman, x264.*

D'VAR TEFILAH

A brief look at the Amidah during the month of Elul (in four parts):

Part III

During the Kedushat Ha-Shem, the third blessing of the Amidah, we lift ourselves up on tiptoe each time we say kadosh, "holy." Symbolically, by rising up a few inches, we bring ourselves nearer to God. What meaning does this have for us? Is it significant? What does the "choreography" of the Amidah mean to us?

– Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman

THIS WEEK IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY

Twenty-two years after the Balfour Declaration was issued, a declaration stating that "His Majesty's government views with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people," the British government, succumbing to Arab pressure and the need for oil, issued the hated White Paper of 1939. The White Paper stated that Jewish immigration to Palestine would be limited to 10,000 per year for a five year period with an additional one-time immigration of 25,000, and a total of 75,000 people in all. During this period Hitler murdered six million Jews. Zionist leaders throughout the world felt betrayed, confused and cornered between a proverbial rock and a hard place.

At the outbreak of World War II in September of 1939, David Ben Gurion, showing great strength and leadership, declared that the Jews of Palestine "shall fight the war as if there were no White Paper, and the White Paper as if there were no war." It was a very dark time, but less than ten years later a Jewish State was created!

– The Israel Committee

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