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**PARASHAT HA-AZINU**

**TORAH**

**ANNUAL:** Deuteronomy 32:1 - 32:52

**TRIENNIAL:** Deuteronomy 32:1 - 32:52

**HAFTARAH:** Hosea 14:2 - 14:10, Joel 2:15 - 2:27,  
 Micah 7:18 - 7:20

**NEXT WEEK**

**SUKKOT**

**TORAH**

**ANNUAL:** Leviticus 22:26 - 23:44

**MAFTIR:** Numbers 29:12 - 29:16

**HAFTARAH:** Zekhariah 14:1 - 14:21

**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY  
 OF THE WEEK**

**panim el panim  
 a community in conversation**

**SUKKOT KICKOFF, OCTOBER 16, 6:30-9 PM**  
 Get involved with panim el panim: a community in conversation, the new community organizing campaign from the BJ Social Action/Social Justice (SA/SJ) Task Force. Launching on Sukkot, panim el panim aims to bring BJ's large and diverse congregation together to identify and highlight the social justice narratives of our members. Through hundreds of 1-on-1 conversations (our goal is 613 by Hanukkah) we will build new relationships, identify new leaders, and inspire our congregation to move to action on social justice issues. Help us build our foundation for action!

Don't miss the **panim el panim Sukkot Kickoff and Community Dinner!** Thursday, October 16 from 6:30-9pm. BJ Sanctuary 88th street RSVP REQUIRED: [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) or 212-787-7600 x349 Participate in an inspiring evening of dinner and conversation centered on social justice. We want to know what you care about. Help create our vision for social justice at BJ and learn how we will move to action. Open to all BJ members.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with planning the launch, please also contact x349 or email [asilver@bj.org](mailto:asilver@bj.org).

**Oct 3 - Oct. 10, 2003**

**8 Tishrei - 14 Tishrei 5764**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3**

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service, ASL Interpreted	6:00 PM – 88th St.
Kabbalat Shabbat Wandering Minyan	6:00 PM – 88th St., Frankel Hall
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:45 PM – 86th St.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4**

Shabbat Shuvah Service	9:30 AM – 86th St.
Bar Mitzvah	Gabriel Matthew Deards
Naming	Ava Laura Kaufman
Children's Service	10:45 AM – 86th St.
Kiddush in Honor of High Holy Days Volunteers	12:30 PM – 88th St.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5**

Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88th St.
Kol Nidre Service	6:00 PM – 86th & 96th Sts.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6**

Yom Kippur Service	9:00 AM – 86th & 96th Sts.
Yom Kippur Family Service	10:30 AM – 88th St.
Yom Kippur Children's Service	10:30 AM – 86th, 88th & 96th Sts.
Minhah and Ne'ilah Services	4:30 PM – 86th & 96th Sts.
Children's Ne'ilah Procession	6:30 PM – 86th & 96th Sts.
Community Break Fast	7:45 PM – 88th St.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7**

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
8th Grade and Gesher Programs	5:00 PM – BJ Office

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8**

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Kesharim	2:00 PM – 88th St.
Family Sukkah Decorating Party	3:00 PM – Sukkah, 86th St.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9**

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

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10**

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
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**YAMIM NORA'IM**

• **Special Kiddush to Honor Volunteers**  
**Shabbat Shuvah, Saturday, October 4th:** Please join us on this special Shabbat for a kiddush to honor and thank volunteers who are participating in this year's Yamim Nora'im. These are the people who help to make our services so beautiful and it is a wonderful time for the community to get together in celebration. The kiddush will take place on October 4th at the BJ sanctuary at 88th Street, following Shabbat Services at 86th Street. We look forward to seeing you all there.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAMAKOM YENAHEM

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

- Richard Kilberg, Barbara Margolis, and Laura and Rebecca Kilberg on the death of Richard's beloved mother, Hillary C. Kilberg.
- Michael and Nancy Mostow on the death of Michael's beloved uncle, Harold Mostow.

### MAZAL TOV

to the following members and their families:

- Adam, Bruce, Ben, Ross Gitlin and Elizabeth Kurshan on Adam becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Gabriel, Paul, Emma and Phoebe Deards and Sonia Taitz on Gabriel becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Marina, Stephen, Jennifer and Douglas Kaufman on the naming of their granddaughter and daughter, Ava Laura Kaufman.
- Martin Jay Garfinkle on his engagement to Judith Senfeld.
- Steve and Sylvia Heim and Ariana Heim and Scott York and their family on the birth of their grandson and son, Cory York.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### LIMUD

• **Creating a Meaningful Relationship: Workshop for Single People** 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.

• **Shabbat B'Yahad with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller** Friday, Oct 31, 88th St.: Join us for a catered Shabbat dinner with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller, Director of the UCLA Hillel for over twenty-five years. Cost is \$25/members; \$35/non-members. To register, call x304 with your name and phone number AND send a check to the BJ office marked "10/31 Shabbat B'Yahad Dinner with Rabbi Seidler-Feller" no later than October 24. If space is available, add a \$10 late fee for reservations received after the deadline. To register on-line go to [www.BJ.org](http://www.BJ.org) AND call x304 and leave your name and phone number to be confirmed. REMEMBER, YOU MUST CALL x304 and leave your name and phone number to be confirmed for your reservation whether you register by mail-in or on-line. Otherwise we cannot guarantee your reservation.

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• **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 Fellow 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.

**This week's Kiddush is Being Co-Sponsored By:**

- Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, in honor of its High Holy Days volunteers.
- Paul Deards and Sonia Taitz in honor of their son Gabriel's Bar Mitzvah and in honor of Simon and Gita Taitz and Rikki Deards.

### TODAH RABBAH

- to Stacy and James Stulman for their generous donation to the Flower Fund in loving memory of Elga Stulman.
- to Michael Newmark and Resolve Flooring for the new carpet in the balcony of SP5A.

### • Volunteer to Usher Shabbat Mornings

We always need volunteer ushers for Shabbat mornings. You only have to help for part of the service. Please contact Carol Dikman, x255, if you can offer help on a regular basis, such as one Shabbat a month, one every other month, etc.

### • 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.

### • Choir of a Thousand Voices

Friday, November 7, 6:00 PM, 88th Street: In cooperation with The Jewish Theological Seminary and the Milken Archive of American Jewish Music, BJ invites all who are interested to an extraordinary Choir of a Thousand Voices Kabbalat Shabbat Service, featuring a full four-part chorus of nearly 1000 congregational voices singing, conducted by Samuel Adler (The Juilliard School). All registrants with choral experience will be able to participate, and all others are welcome to attend. This event marks the opening of the 5-day conference-festival, "Only in America: Jewish Music in a Land of Freedom," heralding the 350th Anniversary of American Jewry. For more information, or on registration for the conference (**you do NOT need to register for the service**), please log on to [www.MilkenArchive.org](http://www.MilkenArchive.org), e-mail [OnlyInAmerica@MilkenArchive.org](mailto:OnlyInAmerica@MilkenArchive.org), or call 212-866-7418; fax 212-222-8801

### • 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](mailto:LatinAmerica@yahoo.com).

### • A Central Park Tour

Sunday, Oct 26, 11:00AM: Meet at the northeast corner of 66th Street and Central Park West: Start your Sunday morning with a special tour of Central Park led by our very own Executive Director, Deborah Pinsky, an official Central Park Conservancy docent. Our tour will also feature Sandee Brawarsky, author of *212 Views of Central Park: Experiencing New York's Jewel from Every Angle*. The tour will conclude with light refreshments and a book signing at the new BJ office in the Ansonia. For more information and to register call Anne at x240.

• **Israel at BJ**

Under the leadership of our Rabbis, the new Israel Steering Committee of the BJ Board and the Israel Program Committee, we are planning a more comprehensive and deeper approach to Israel which will include study and discussion (through our Communal Beit Midrash, Shabbat Mevarkhim, Hebrew School, Bar/ Bat Mitzvah program), increased trips to Israel for different constituencies and a strengthening of our relationship and partnership with those insitutions and individuals that strive to fulfill Israel's Declaration of Independence of a democratic, pluralistic Jewish state, living in peace with its neighbors. We invite all BJ members to consider a renewed connection with Israel as well as travelling to Israel. **For those of you interested in visiting Israel on your own, there is a new initiative to promote travel and tourism in Israel. Go to [www.goisrael.com](http://www.goisrael.com) to find out how you can participate.**

**SINGLES**

• **BJ Community Break Fast**

**Monday, October 6:** For those who have **PREREGISTERED ONLY**, join us on Monday, October 6 following Yom Kippur Services at 88th Street, Frankel Hall, for a community Break Fast.

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

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

• **At-Home Catered Dinner**

**Friday, October 24:** Join us for a Singles At-Home Catered Shabbat dinner following the 6:00 PM service. This has been one of people's favorite ways to make new friends and share Shabbat, getting together 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 voicemail ASAP at x306. **The application deadline to host is October 10th and to be a guest is October 15th.** For more information and to register, pick up a flyer in the back of the sanctuary or check on-line at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). Questions x306. Cost: \$25/mem; \$35/non-mem. \$10 after-deadline late fee if space available.

• **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 Rabbi Bronstein, 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, Campfires & Torah!! What's not to love? Special Friday & Saturday night programs. **Call Michael immediately for space availability at x260.**

**FAMILY LIFE**

• **B'nai Mitzvah Alumni Aliyah on Yom Kippur**

There will be a special aliyah on Yom Kippur morning for all the children who became bar or bat mitzvah since last Yom Kippur, 9/16/02. Teens who would like to say the blessing for this aliyah should go up to the front of the sanctuary at either 86th or 96th Street, depending on where their family will be sitting, at the beginning of the Torah service. Teens will be called up by the rabbis when it's time to go up to the Torah. Please call to let us know if you will be part of the aliyah, and at which location, by calling 212-787-7600, x244.

• **Purchase Battery-Operated Candles for Children's Ne'ilah Procession**

Please remember to purchase battery-operated candles for your children to carry in the Ne'ilah procession on Yom Kippur. Candles are available at West Side Judaica, on Broadway between 88th and 89th Streets. Small flashlights may also be used. Please also check that your candle's battery is working before arriving to gather for the Ne'ilah procession at 6:30pm in the Chapel at 86th Street or the Basement Chapel at 96th Street. We have a very limited number of extra candles available, so please remember to bring your own.

• **Family Sukkah Decorating Party**

**Wednesday October 8:** Join us for a family sukkah decorating party in BJ's sukkah at 86th Street from 3 to 5 PM. The afternoon will include stories, singing, arts and crafts, and snacks in the sukkah. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult. To RSVP, please contact Hollis at [hgauss@bj.org](mailto:hgauss@bj.org) or x244.

• **Sixth Graders and their Families Cooking for BJ's Shelter**

All sixth graders and their families are invited to help prepare a simple meal for the guests of BJ's homeless shelter on Tuesday, October 14 at 5 PM in Frankel Hall, downstairs at BJ's 88th Street synagogue. We are looking for a parent volunteer to help coordinate the menu and assign ingredients, and for families to help cook. To volunteer, please contact Harriet Saltzman at (212) 496-1892 or [saltzman@lifetimetv.com](mailto:saltzman@lifetimetv.com).

• **Early Childhood Programs**

Registration is open for two early childhood programs at BJ:

• "Come Celebrate the Jewish Calendar" (with BJ musician Joel Stein) runs on Tuesdays from October 21-December 16. Ages 1-2 years come from 9:45-10:30 AM and ages 2-3 years come from 10:45-11:30 AM.

• BJ's "Shabbat Sing-a-long" (with Joel Stein and BJHS teacher & musician Shai Specht) runs on Fridays from October 24-December 19. Ages 6-17 months come from 9:15-10:05 AM, ages 18-22 months from 10:20-11:05 AM, and ages 23-36 months from 11:15-12:00.

For more information, please contact Dalya Hertzberg Levy at 212-787-7600 x241 or at [dhertzberg@bj.org](mailto:dhertzberg@bj.org).

**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE**

• **Shabbat Visits To St. Luke's**

In an effort to reach as many hospitalized people as possible with a Refuah Shlema and Shabbat Shalom, last year a small group from the Bikkur Holim Committee began monthly Friday afternoon visits to Jewish patients at St. Luke's Hospital. For those of us who have been participating, it has been very rewarding. Now we would like to increase our visits to twice a month and we need more volunteers. Anyone who would like to learn more about this project or join us in expanding our visits should call Elaine Nevins at 212-799-1782 or e-mail her at [ENE6695059@aol.com](mailto:ENE6695059@aol.com). We welcome new participants in helping us to perform this wonderful mitzvah.

• **Become a Telephone Companion Volunteer!**

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

• **Bearing Witness Retreat at Auschwitz-Birkenau**

**November 3 – 7:** BJ has a unique opportunity to join the annual Peacemaker Community trip to Auschwitz. The retreat will be guided by representatives of various religious traditions. Most of the daylight hours are spent at Birkenau each day, doing meditation, chanting the names of the dead, memorial (Kaddish) and other religious services. In the mornings, there will be facilitated small group councils and in the evenings special programs. The retreat will end with a Shabbat Service on November 7. Please join us for this extraordinary event. If you are interested in joining or finding out about the trip, on Wednesday, October 15th from 7-9 PM at 88th St., there will be a screening of a video taken of an earlier trip and an opportunity to hear Grover Gauntt of the Peacemaker Community as well as the filmmaker, Michael O'Keefe. The trip is open to BJ-members and non-members. For further information, contact Grover Gauntt at 718-993-1000 or [grovergauntt@worldnet.att.net](mailto:grovergauntt@worldnet.att.net).

• **BJ Reads**

Bright-eyed children, brand new books... BJ Reads goes back to school at PS 166 on West 89th Street in October. Come join us! Share your love of books and help a child become a better reader. For further information, or to tell us of your interest as a returning Reading Partner, contact co-chairs Ellen Schechter and Judy Gitenstein at BJReads@aol.com or leave a message at x391 with your name and phone number.

• **The Judith Bernstein Lunch Program Needs Volunteers**

**Thursdays, 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM**, 88th St., Kitchen: We are looking for people with flexible schedules to volunteer from 8:30AM – 10:30 AM at our lunch program. Become an expert sandwich maker! Try out your culinary and dishwashing skills while helping to prepare lunches for 150 people. We invite you to be a part of this important community program. Preparing lunch begins at 8:30 AM and runs until 10:30 AM. Work for an hour or for the entire time. For more info, contact Susan Samuels at sssamuels@aol.com or call x338.

• **We Need Volunteers To Sleep Over At The BJ/SPSA 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.

**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.

• **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 TEFILLAH

Even as we sit and pray for forgiveness, it is often the case that until the process of teshuvah is complete, we cannot be happy. We are anxious, overwhelmed by the wrongdoing that we have been unable to redress. Rabbi Kook tells us that this perspective is wrong. When it comes to teshuvah, the goal is not the most important thing. It is the means that counts. **What matters the most is the striving for perfection – for the striving for perfection is perfection itself.**

– Rabbi Meir Feldman

THIS WEEK IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY

Typically, a gentle silence descends over Israel during Yom Kippur. All the stores are closed, newspapers are not printed and television and radio broadcasts cease to be aired. There are almost no cars on the road. It is the silence of a country in deep contemplation.

In 1973, Yom Kippur fell on Shabbat, so the usual quiet was even more pronounced. Suddenly, shrieking sirens destroyed the tranquility, announcing that Israel was again at war for its survival. The tiny state with only three million inhabitants would always be outnumbered by the vastly larger Arab forces. To offset this imbalance, Israel had followed a doctrine of always striking first, so as to not fight the war on Israeli soil. The last two wars had been fought according to this doctrine, giving Israel the upper hand, and leaving the country feeling very confident. Israel also usually relied on its reserves. Now Egypt and Syria had attacked on the holiest day in the Jewish year, with larger numbers than the combined forces of NATO, and Israel was fighting for its own territory and against forces that had superior tactics, military equipment and manpower. With most of the country at home for the holy day, soldiers on active duty were the only protective barrier between the invading Arab armies and its heartland, while the nation was calling its reserves out of synagogues and into their tanks. The nation's fate would be determined by the bravery of nineteen and twenty year old soldiers who had never seen combat.

The stories of the bravery exhibited during those early fateful hours were numerous. One example in the southern Golan was that of Brigade #188. With only fifty-seven tanks, and the knowledge that they were the only defense between the Syrian army and Haifa, they managed to hold off six hundred attacking Syrian tanks. By Sunday afternoon, the entire brigade had been wiped out, but not before they completed their mission, buying enough time for the reservists to arrive and secure the area.

By the end of the 18-day war, Israel had repelled the attack and successfully counter-attacked, advancing across the Suez Canal and across the Golan Heights to within 20 miles of Damascus. In strict military terms, it was a victory. In Israel, however, a demoralized country buried 2,400 people. The nation understood just how close it had come to destruction and just how precarious its situation was.

– The Israel Committee

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