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SHEMINI ATZERET

TORAH: Deuteronomy 14:22 - 16:17

MAFTIR: Numbers 29:35 - 30:1

HAFTARAH: I Kings 8:54 - 8:66

SIMCHAT TORAH

TORAH: Deuteronomy 33:1 - 34:12,
 Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

MAFTIR: Numbers 29:35 - 30:1

HAFTARAH: Joshua 1:1 - 1:18

NEXT WEEK

BERESHIT

TORAH

ANNUAL: Genesis 1:1 - 6:8

TRIENNIAL: Genesis 5:1 - 6:8

HAFTARAH: I Samuel 20:18 - 20:42

**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY
 OF THE WEEK**

**panim el panim
 a community in conversation**

Get involved with the new community organizing campaign from the BJ Social Action/Social Justice Task Force! Between Sukkot and Hanukkah, we aim to bring BJ's large and diverse congregation together through hundreds of one-on-one conversations to identify and highlight the social justice narratives of our members. Why? We want to identify the issues we care about as a congregation, move our congregation to take action, build community and inspire new leadership. Help build the foundation for action! Note: Participants in panim el panim must be members of the congregation.

What you can do:

- Attend one of the dozens of panim el panim house gatherings scheduled between now and December 7
- Volunteer to participate in a one-on-one community conversation
- Learn more about panim el panim: www.bj.org

Sign up for any of the above online at www.bj.org or call x349 and leave a message.

Oct 17 - Oct. 24, 2003

22 Tishrei - 28 Tishrei 5764

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Tot Shabbat	5:45 PM – 86th St.
Shemini Atzeret and Shabbat Service	6:00 PM – 88th St.
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Shabbat Service (Yizkor)	9:30 AM – 86th St.
Aliyat Hatan ve-Kallah	Evan Rosner and Kristin Harris
Aliyat Hatan ve-Kallah	Steven Weiser and Stacey Weiss
Children's Service	10:45 AM – 86th St.
Simhat Torah Family Service	6:45 PM – 86th St.
Simhat Torah Service	6:45 PM – 88th St.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

Simhat Torah Service	9:30 AM – 88th St.
Kallah Bereshit	Elana Weinberg
Hatan Bereshit	Stu Feit

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Class: Creating a Meaningful Relationship (p. 2)	7:00 PM – TBA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
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SEEKING DIVREI TORAH

You have an opportunity to be one of 54 teachers of Torah in our community this year! Throughout the year, as you know, a weekly d'var torah on the parashat hashavua is disseminated to our community by e-mail and on the website, and accompanies the Kol Jeshurun. Many BJ members eagerly anticipate receiving the d'var torah and the opportunity it gives them to learn during the course of the work week. It has also been wonderful to see the diversity of teachers of Torah in the community. We have already found people to write divrei torah for many of this year's parashiyot, but there are still some openings for BJ members (first come, first serve). If you are a BJ member and would be interested in writing a d'var torah, please call or e-mail David (x256 or debenbach@bj.org) as soon as possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAHEM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to

- Bob Kanter on the death of his beloved mother, Helen Kanter.
- Avi, Daniella, Eitan, Orly Lewittes and Lara Prince and their family on the death of Avi's beloved grandfather, Louis Cohen.

MAZAL TOV

to the following members and their families:

- Hildy Bornstein, Jonathan and Alicia Bornstein on the birth of their grandson and son, Aaron David Bornstein.
- Rabbi Sharon Brous and David Light, Marcia and Rick Brous on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter Eva Gavriela.
- Kristin Harris and Evan Rosner on their upcoming wedding.
- Stacey Weiss and Steven Weiser on their upcoming wedding.

This Sunday's Simhat Torah kiddush is co-sponsored by

- the Weinberg family, in honor of Elana Weinberg being called to the Torah as Kallat Bereshit.
- the family and friends of Stu Feit, in honor of his being called to the Torah as Hatan Bereshit.

BRUKHIM HABA'IM

- to Prof. Hezi Brosh and students, studying Arabic and Hebrew, Bard College, Annandale, N.Y.
- to Mary Ellen Friedland and 6th and 7th grade students, Temple Emanuel, Kensington, Maryland.
- Rabbi Adam Spilker and Confirmation Class, Mt. Zion Temple, St. Paul, Minnesota.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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• HEBREW ANYONE??? COME ONE...COME ALL!!!

This year BJ is offering Siddur (Prayerbook) Hebrew classes! We have 4 levels, so whether you're just beginning with the aleph-bet or you're ready to dive deep into the liturgy...we have something for you! Classes begin Tuesday October 28. Reserve your space now! For more information please contact Edie Meyerson at rebemonster@aol.com

• 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. Cost is \$25/\$35. 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 Oct. 24. If space is available, add a \$10 late fee for reservations received after 10/24. To register on-line go to 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 or on-line.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

Saturday, Oct 25, 5:15 PM, 88th St.: Join Rabbis Felicia Sol and Jessica Zimmerman, to welcome the new moon on this holiday traditionally associated with women. We will sing, pray, and study together. Please bring a kosher/vegetarian snack to contribute for se'udah shlishit (the third meal). Registration is not required. For info, call Rabbi Zimmerman at x253.

• A Central Park Tour

Sunday, Oct 26, 11:00AM: Meet at the NE corner of 66th St. and Central Park West: Start your Sunday morning with a special tour of Central Park led by our 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.

• 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.

• BJ Welcomes New Director of Development

We are pleased to announce that Gayle Weiner has joined us as our new Director of Development. Gayle has an extensive fundraising background through a number of positions with UJA-Federation of New York in Westchester, where she opened and directed an office in Northern Westchester. Her experience includes working for State of Israel Bonds. She has her MSW from Yeshiva University-Wurzweiler School of Social Work, and the Chabad Lubavitch of Westchester County recently awarded her the Young Leadership Professional of the Year Award for her outstanding work in the Jewish communal field. She most recently was Director of Development and Assistant Executive Director of Ramapo Anchorage, a UJA-Federation Agency that deals with children with special needs.

• Ledor Vador Intergenerational Lunch

Saturday November 1, Frankel Hall, 88th St following Shabbat services: Please join us at our first Shabbat luncheon of the new year. BJ member and children's author and editor Fran Manushkin will speak to us about turning our stories into children's books. She will also explain the various stages of her books from conception to published product. Please plan to attend this event and RSVP by 10/22 by calling x334 and leave your name and the name of others who will be attending with you. Also, please send a check for \$12 per person (\$15 for non members), marked Ledor Vador Luncheon, to the BJ office. Children are welcome to attend this event free of charge.

• BJ Goes to Argentina: Informational Meeting

Tuesday, November 4, 7:00PM at 86th Street, in the Parlor Room. Pack your bags and join us as we journey to Argentina, March 7 - 16, 2004 (new dates!), to explore the roots of BJ's spiritual leaders. Experience the flavors and rhythms of this special country. Tour historic Buenos Aires and the countryside. Meet the Jewish community and learn about its history. Spend Shabbat with our sister congregation, Bet El. Due to space limitations, this trip is open to BJ members only. Detailed trip information and application will be available at the meeting or thereafter at www.bj.org. For further information, please call x240.

• Choir of a Thousand Voices

Friday, Nov. 7, 6:00 PM, 88th St.: 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). 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. Also feel free to attend open rehearsals for the choir Nov. 2 at 6:30 PM or Nov. 6 at 7PM. For more information, or for registration for the conference (you do NOT need to register for the service), please go to www.MilkenArchive.org, e-mail OnlyInAmerica@MilkenArchive.org, or call 212-866-7418; fax 212-222-8801. **The regular monthly Family Shabbat Service will be held at the Heschel School at 6PM.**

• **In Tribute to Our Writers**

Sunday, Nov. 9, 2:30 PM, 88th Street: In conjunction with Jewish Book Month in November, BJ will host an afternoon honoring the many authors of our community. Join us for a festive book fair atmosphere that will feature readings, discussion panels, a children's program and book sales. Free. For more information call Anne at x240.

• **Latin American Shabbat Dinner**

Friday, Nov. 21, 88th Street: Join the BJ Latin America Committee for a Shabbat dinner with Latino fare. Noted journalist and photographer Larry Luxner will speak on "Latin America's Jews: A Journalist's Perspective." In Frankel Hall, downstairs at 88th Street, immediately following the 6PM service. Cost is \$25 for BJ members/\$35 for non-members (\$10 late fee after Nov. 14, if space remains). Our dinners always sell out, so please sign up early! Register online at: www.bj.org. For further information, call x371 or email BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com.

SINGLES

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

• **Save the Date: Thanksgiving Oneg, Friday, Nov. 14.**

• **Date Bait**

Sunday, Nov. 16, 6:30-9:30PM, 88th St: Your favorite singles' event is back! Not once, but twice this year!!! Get a chance to mingle, list the people you want to date and let the "Date Bait" facilitators and their computers tally up your match, and then it's time to make your dates. Cost: \$20/\$30; \$40 walk-ins, if space available. Light refreshments will be served. To make a reservation, call the Singles voicemail x306 AND send your check to the BJ office marked "11/16 Date Bait" by Monday, Nov. 10 or register on-line at www.BJ.org. For more information, call Date Bait at 212-971-1084 or Michael at x260.

FAMILY LIFE

• **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 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, contact Dalya Hertzberg Levy at x241 or at dhertzberg@bj.org, or find registration forms and information online at www.bj.org by clicking on "Hebrew School" and then on "Early Childhood Programs." You must be pre-registered to attend the class.

• **Young Judaea Club Meetings**

Sunday, October 26: Ofarim (kids in grades 2, 3, and 4) and Tsofim (kids in grades 5, 6, and 7) are invited to the first BJ Young Judaea club meeting of the year, in Frankel Hall at 88th Street. Ofarim will meet at 1PM, and Tsofim will meet at 3PM for a topographical exploration of Israel using ice cream and candy. To RSVP, please contact Hollis at hgauss@bj.org or x244.

• **PJ's and Havdallah**

Saturday, Nov. 1, 5 to 7PM: Families with young children are invited to come, in their pajamas, to 88th St. for Shabbat and Havdalah learning, singing, and stories, which will conclude with a musical Havdalah, juice, and cookies. Please RSVP to Hollis at hgauss@bj.org or x244.

• **5th Grade Family B'nai Mitzvah Beit Midrash**

Nov. 2, 2PM: All 5th graders and their parents are invited to the first of three batei midrash in the 88th St. Sanctuary. More information is being sent by mail. To RSVP, contact Hollis at hgauss@bj.org or x244.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **Shabbat Visits To St. Luke's Hospital**

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. We welcome new participants in helping us to perform this wonderful mitzvah.

• **BJ Reads**

If you've been thinking about signing up for BJ Reads, now is your chance! The program begins the week of October 27 and there are still a few slots available. The commitment is one hour Monday or Wednesday mornings during the school year--and the good feelings from sharing the love of reading with a child will last all week. For further information or to sign up, contact co-chairs Ellen Schechter and Judy Gitenstein at BJReads@aol.com or leave a message at x391 with your name and phone number. We will call you back immediately.

• **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. 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.

PIKUAH NEFESH: Save a life at the BJ Fall Blood Drive

Wednesday, November 12, 5 - 8:30 PM, 88th St.: Please join BJ's efforts to support the New York Blood Center. On November 12, it is our goal to have 150 blood donors. We need your help to reach our goal! This is a wonderful opportunity to perform a great mitzvah. To sign up for a slot, please contact the Trudi Levine or Sharon Messitte, BJ Blood Drive Co-Chairs, on the blood drive voice mail at x373, and leave your name, phone and best time slot for you. Donors must be in good health between the ages of 17 and 75 inclusive, and weigh at least 110 pounds. You must bring a photo ID with you. For more information, visit www.nybloodcenter.org.

• **MK Amram Mitzna: Israel's Road to Peace**

November 3, 7:00 PM, 88th Street: Member of Knesset Amram Mitzna, former mayor of Haifa and Labor Party Candidate for Prime Minister, will discuss the current and future directions of the road to peace. This talk is cosponsored by BJ and Brit Tzedek v'Shalom, an organization of American Jews committed to Israel's well-being through a negotiated settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. For more information: www.btvshalom.org Admission is free.

• **Torture After 9/11: The Legal and Ethical Implications of Torture in the "War on Terror"**

Friday, October 24, 9AM-5:30PM: At the CUNY Graduate Center (Fifth Avenue and 34th Street), a collection of speakers with diverse perspectives on issues of war, the law and human rights, including Alan Dershowitz and Sister Dianna Ortiz, will, in this all-day event, discuss torture in the context of the "War on Terror." Followed by a reception. To register: 212-817-8215 or continuinged@gc.cuny.edu.

• **Award-Winning Film "Tehora" Makes its New York Debut**

November 6: "Tehora," an Israeli film about marriage, sexuality and mikveh is being screened for the first time in N.Y.C. at the JCC of Manhattan, sponsored by JOFA. "Tehora," an engaging, thoughtful and provocative piece of work, received the award for the best documentary at the Jerusalem International Film Festival. Both the filmmaker, Anat Zuria, and one of the film's main subjects, will be at the screening for a post-film discussion. Tickets can be purchased directly from the JCC. Call 646-505-5708.

• **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 Imlershein 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@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

So many words. In the past few weeks we've offered so many prayers. Some we knew well, others we didn't. And often we confused a resh with a dalet, a hey with a het, a vav with a zayin. Rabbi Judah the Hasid lived in Germany in the 11th Century. He teaches that God is not listening for perfectly articulated prayers. Rather, God is listening for a sincere heart. Thus, God hears in our prayers the song that we sing, the music that that we make.

– Rabbi Meir Feldman

THIS WEEK IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY

The call went out using modest advertisements in many of the world's newspapers. Volunteers were needed to help the State of Israel. Accommodations would be Spartan – living in tents with no promise of running water or electricity. The location would be the remote edge of the Judaeen Desert with its hot summers and harsh winters. Volunteers were expected to pay their own way and commit to two weeks of work. And so they came! Jews and non-Jews of all ages, from Israel and 28 other countries. They volunteered to help the independent Jewish State excavate the remains of the last moments of Jewish sovereignty nearly 2,000 years ago. The world came to dig Masada.

In 70 CE, the second Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed during the great revolt of the Jewish people for their freedom from Rome. Some of the defenders of Jerusalem fled to Masada, a desert mountain with a fortress on top built by King Herod eight years earlier. Beseiged by the Romans, completely surrounded, the fighters held out until 73 CE when the Romans succeeded in breaking through the walls. On Passover evening, 960 men, women and children decided to take their own lives rather than to live as slaves. That final act of defiance, affirming control over one's destiny, marked the end of Jewish sovereignty in the land of Israel until May 14, 1948.

In October 1963, the State of Israel initiated an expedition to dig for its past. The archeologist in charge was Yigal Yadin who, in an earlier role, had been the first general in charge of a Jewish army in nearly two thousand years and who led Israel to victory in the War of Independence. Now he would extend his hand back in time to touch those previous Jewish soldiers at Masada. Israel's attitude toward Masada and the final act of those last sovereign Jewish defenders would become a mirror of Israel's attitude towards itself and its place in the world. As Israel enters the 21st century, it is once again going through a re-evaluation of its symbols, heroes, and its view of itself.

– The Israel Committee

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