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Oct. 24 - Oct. 31, 2003

29 Tishrei - 5 Heshvan 5764

**BERESHIT**

**TORAH**

**ANNUAL:** Genesis 1:1 - 6:8  
**TRIENNIAL:** Genesis 5:1 - 6:8  
**HAFTARAH:** I Samuel 20:18 - 20:42

**NEXT WEEK: NOAH**

**ANNUAL:** Genesis 6:9 - 11:32  
**TRIENNIAL:** Genesis 11:1 - 11:32  
**HAFTARAH:** Isaiah 54:1 - 55:5

**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! We have already completed 400 one-on-one community conversations to build relationships, identify leadership, and find out what social justice issues our community cares about! Help us reach our goal of 613 conversations by Hanukkah! Participants in panim el panim must be BJ members.

**What you can do:**

- Attend one of the housemeetings scheduled between now and December 7. Sign up at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).
- Volunteer to participate in a one-on-one conversation! Sign up at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).
- Come to our first community checkback/action planning meeting, October 28, 7-9 SPSA Social Hall. Open to anyone who has participated in a community conversation.

Questions? Contact the SA/SJ Task Force at x349.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24**

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th St.  
 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th St.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25**

Shabbat Service Mevarkhim HaHodesh 9:30 AM – 86th St.  
 Bar Mitzvah Benjamin Katzenstein  
 Bar Mitzvah Max Winograd  
 Aliyat Hatan ve-Kallah Jon Housman and Robyn Fruchterman  
 Children's Service 10:45 AM – 86th St.  
 Rosh Hodesh Women's Group (p. 2) 5:15 PM – 88th St.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26**

Morning Minyan  
 Bar Mitzvah  
 Central Park Tour (p. 2)  
 Young Judaea Club Meetings (p. 3)

**ROSH HODESH HESHVAN**

9:30 AM – 88th St.  
 Alexander Remnick  
 11:00 AM – 66th & Central Park West  
 1:00 PM, 3:00 PM – 88th St.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 27**

Morning Minyan  
 Beyond Shelter Coalition Meeting (p. 3)  
 Class: Introduction to Judaism, R. Zimmerman  
 Class: Yaakov Became Yisrael, R. Feldman

**ROSH HODESH HESHVAN**

7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 7:30 PM – JCC  
 7:00 PM – 86th St.  
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**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 Class: Shabbat: A Sanctuary in Time, R. Sol & Hazzan Priven 7:00 PM – 88th St.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 Class: Theology & Meaning in the Prayerbook, R. Matalon 6:30 PM – 88th St.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 Class: Parashat Hashavu'a, Kliel Rose 7:00 PM – 86th St.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

**BE SURE TO GET YOUR LIMUD CATALOG –  
 MANY CLASSES START THIS WEEK!**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MAZAL TOV

to the following members and their families:

- Benjamin and David Katzenstein and Sherrie Nickol on Benjamin becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Max, Joan, Barry and Sara Winograd on Max becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Alexander, David, Noah, Natalya Remnick and Esther Fein on Alexander becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Elaine, Elie, Daniel and Jon Housman on the upcoming wedding of Jon Housman and Robyn Fruchterman.
- Adrian Weller and Laura Margolis on their recent engagement.
- Letty Cottin Pogrebin for being honored with the Patricia A. Barr z"l Shalom Award from Americans for Peace Now.
- Marsha and Dominique Boer on the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Kimberly Boer to Peter Hamburger.

This week's kiddush is co-sponsored by

- Joan and Barry Winograd in honor of their son Max's Bar Mitzvah.
- Sherrie Nickol and David Katzenstein in honor of Benjamin's Bar Mitzvah.

The flowers for the bimah are sponsored by Joan and Barry Winograd in honor of their son Max becoming a bar mitzvah.

### BRUKHIM HABA'IM

- Rabbi Joseph Meszler, Rabbi Jouie Hessel, Cantor Susan Adelman and Confirmation Class, Washington Hebrew Congregation, Washington, D.C.
- Rabbi Micah Greenstein and 10th, 11th and 12th grade students, Temple Israel, Memphis, Tennessee.
- Leana Wild and the Derekh Torah class.
- Rabbi Jonathan Adland and students, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Rabbis Dennis and Sandy Sasso, George Kelley, Educational Director and Confirmation Class, Congregation Beth El Zedeck, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Linda Yitzchak, Educational Director and Confirmation Class, Shaare Tefila, Silver Spring, Maryland.
- A group of German educators studying the American Jewish Committee's "Hands Across the Campus" program on tolerance.

• **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.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### LIMUD

• **THE FALL LIMUD CATALOG IS HERE!**

This fall BJ is offering classes on a wide variety of subjects, and the catalog is now available. You'll find copies at Shabbat services, attached to the community e-mail, and at the BJ office. Check it out and register right away!

• **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." If space is available, add a \$10 late fee for reservations received after 10/24. 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 or on-line.

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• **Meditation Retreat to Costa Rica**

We regret to let you know that our Meditation Retreat to Costa Rica, scheduled for March 2004, has been canceled. Please watch the Kol Jeshurun for any further updates.

• **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. Please bring a kosher/vegetarian snack. Registration is not required. For info, call Rabbi Zimmerman at x253.

• **A Central Park Tour**

**Sunday, Oct 26**, 11 AM: Meet at the NE corner of 66th St. and Central Park West for a special tour of Central Park led by our Exec. Dir., Deborah Pinsky, an official CP Conservancy docent, and Sandee Brawarsky, author of *212 Views of Central Park: Experiencing New York's Jewel from Every Angle*. We will conclude with refreshments and a book signing at the BJ office. For more information and to register call Anne at x240.

• **Ledor Vador Intergenerational Lunch**

**Saturday, Nov. 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 about turning our stories into children's books, and explain the process of her books from conception to publication. Please RSVP by Oct. 27 at x334, leaving the names of those who will be attending. Also, 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, Nov. 4**, 7 PM 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](http://www.bj.org). For further information, please call x240.

• **Choir of a Thousand Voices**

**Friday, Nov. 7**, 6 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. Also feel free to attend open rehearsals Nov. 2 at 6:30 PM or Nov. 6 at 7 PM. For more information, please go 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. **The regular monthly Family Shabbat Service will be held at the Heschel School at 6 PM.**

• **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 signing and 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 6 PM 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](http://www.bj.org). For further information, call x371 or email [BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com](mailto:BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com).

• **Amen Peace Tour 2003**

**Sunday, Nov. 23**, 7 PM at 88th St.: Join Gabriel Meyer and Amir Paiss for the showing of their new film, "Days of Sulha," a grassroots peace project for the healing and reconciliation of the children of Abraham. The film will include footage from their last gathering of 1500 adults and children in the Galilee this past summer. This will be followed by a concert by their group *Amen*, featuring music from Merkavah's first CD and their new work in progress, *Hatevah*. Cost: \$15/\$10 students and seniors, payable at the door. For more information, please call x240.

• **Night of 100 Dinners**

Please join us Saturday, March 20, 2004 for BJ's annual dinner-and-dessert fundraiser. If you would like more information, please call x307.

**SINGLES**

• **Singles Retreat**

**Friday, Oct. 31 – Sunday, Nov. 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. **There is still space for men, so call Michael immediately x260.**

• **Thanksgiving Oneg**

**Friday, Nov. 14**: Kick off a month of Thanksgiving, football and fun by meeting that someone special to share this season's offerings with you. Shmooze at the Social Hall of SPSA (86th St.) following services at our monthly gathering. Refreshments served. **SEE YOU THERE!**

• **Date Bait**

**Sunday, Nov. 16**, 6:30-9:30 PM, 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](http://www.BJ.org). For more information, call Date Bait at 212-971-1084 or Michael at x260.

**FAMILY LIFE**

• **Young Judaea Club Meetings**

**Sunday, Oct. 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](mailto:hgauss@bj.org) or x244.

• **BJ Teen Moadim Kickoff**

**Sunday Oct. 26**: Join us as we kick off the new year with the first monthly teen social action project! We'll meet at 5 PM in Frankel Hall, downstairs at BJ's synagogue on 88th St. Dinner will be served. To RSVP, please call Doris at x251.

• **PJ's and Havdallah**

**Saturday, Nov. 1**, 5 to 7 PM: 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](mailto:hgauss@bj.org) or x244.

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

**Nov. 2**, 2 PM: 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](mailto:hgauss@bj.org) or x244.

**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE**

• **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](mailto:BJReads@aol.com) or leave a message at x391 with your name and phone number. We will call you back immediately.

• **Beyond Shelter Coalition Invites You To A Community Meeting**

**Monday Oct. 27**, 7:30 PM: Housing experts Laura Jervis, Joe Weisbord and Michael Golub, along with moderator Richard Sussman of the Beyond Shelter Coalition, will be discussing the topic "Creating Affordable Housing And Supportive Housing During New York's Budget Crisis: Advocating For Effective Policy," at the JCC (Amsterdam at 76th St.). This is an opportunity to learn about the magnitude of the current crisis and to lend your support to the best proposals to end homelessness and to build the affordable housing that our city needs. Admission is free. For further information, go to [www.beyondsheltercoalition.org](http://www.beyondsheltercoalition.org).

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

**Nov. 3 – 7**: BJ has a unique opportunity to join the annual Peacemaker Community trip to Auschwitz, 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 Nov. 7. The trip is open to BJ-members and non-members. For information, contact Grover Gauntt at 718-993-1000 or [grovergauntt@worldnet.att.net](mailto:grovergauntt@worldnet.att.net).

• **Pikuah Nefesh: Save a life at the BJ Fall Blood Drive**

**Wednesday, Nov. 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](http://www.nybloodcenter.org).

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

**Nov. 3**, 7 PM, 88th St.: 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 co-sponsored 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](http://www.btvshalom.org) Admission is free.

• **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, this year the Bikkur Holim Committee is planning twice monthly Friday afternoon visits to Jewish patients at St. Luke's Hospital. For those of us who have already been participating, it has been very rewarding. Now we need more volunteers. Anyone who would like to learn more about this project or join us in 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.

• **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 8:30-10:30 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.

• **Volunteers Needed To Sleep Over At BJ/SPSA's 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

We wrap ourselves in the 4-sided tallit. But why must it have 4 sides? The first answer, offered by the Shulhan Arukh, is so that we are surrounded by the mitzvot. The tallit, with its fringes and gematria, symbolizes the 613 mitzvot. But the Mishnah Berurah, written by the Hofetz Hayim, repeats the question. But why 4 sides? Couldn't it be fewer or greater than four? No! The four sides of the tallit symbolize the four sides of the Mishkan. This is an amazing idea. Every morning that we wrap ourselves in the tallit, we recreate the Mishkan. Each of us is a Mishkan Mei'at, a holy sanctuary.

– Rabbi Meir Feldman

THIS WEEK IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY

At sunset on October 29, 1956, a convoy of unmarked cargo planes flew very low to avoid being detected by Egyptian radar. The planes carried Israeli paratroopers who were about to jump behind enemy lines to capture the strategic Mitla Pass, a pass that controlled the main road to the Gulf of Suez and the Suez Canal.

This pre-emptive strike was strategized by Israeli leadership with the help of the French and the British. Since 1954, Gammal Nasser, the new Egyptian president, had been threatening Israel. Nasser's aim was to create a strong Egypt that would lead a Pan-Arab coalition to oversee the whole Middle East and take control of the canal from the British and the French. They also blocked Israeli shipping at the straits of Tiran.

Moshe Dayan, the new Israeli Chief of Staff, designed a plan which would become Israel's national security policy. Dayan's plan stated that, "Israel was small in manpower and territory so any military confrontation must be done speedily and on the enemy's land."

On this day in October, the Israeli paratroopers jumped out of the airplanes and met Israeli ground troops. Simultaneously, the British and French forces destroyed most of the Egyptian Air Force. Nasser was furious with the Soviets and aligned Arab nations because of their refusal to come to his aid. Ironically, it was America who sponsored a U.N. resolution that stated that all foreign powers should withdraw from Egyptian territory. By the end of the fighting, Israel had captured all of the Sinai Desert. Bowing to tremendous American pressure, Ben-Gurion ordered the return of all Israeli troops to their original borders. In spite of this outcome the confrontation enabled Israel to achieve the opening of the Gulf of Aqaba to its ships. Israel had established itself as a force in the Middle East.

– The Israel Committee

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