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Oct. 31 - Nov. 7, 2003

6 Heshvan - 12 Heshvan 5764

**NOAH**

**TORAH**

**ANNUAL:** Genesis 6:9 - 11:32

**TRIENNIAL:** Genesis 11:1 - 11:32

**HAFTARAH:** Isaiah 54:1 - 55:5

**NEXT WEEK: LEKH LEKHA**

**ANNUAL:** Genesis 12:1 - 17:27

**TRIENNIAL:** Genesis 16:1 - 17:27

**HAFTARAH:** Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16

**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY  
OF THE WEEK**

**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 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).

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31**

Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 PM – 88th St.
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:45 PM – 86th St.
Shabbat B'Yahad with Rabbi Seidler-Feller (p. 2)	6:45 PM – 88th St., Frankel Hall

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

Shabbat Service	9:30 AM – 86th St.
D'var Torah	Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller
Bat Mitzvah	Rebecca Winter
Bar Mitzvah	William Jacobs
Naming	Lila Segal Sternoff
Children's Service	10:45 AM – 86th St.
Ledor Vador Lunch (p. 2)	88th St., Frankel Hall
Study and Havdalah	
with Rabbi Seidler-Feller (p. 2)	4:30 PM – 88th St., Frankel Hall
PJs and Havdalah (p. 3)	5:00 PM – 88th St., Sanctuary

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88th St.
5th Grade Beit Midrash (p. 3)	2:00 PM – 88th St.
Book Group with Dara Horn (p. 2)	7:00 PM – 88th St.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Shabbat Around the World (p. 3)	BJHS
Class: Introduction to Judaism, Rabbi Zimmerman	7:00 PM – 86th St.
Class: Yaakov Became Yisrael, Rabbi Feldman	7:00 PM – 86th St.
Amram Mitzna: Israel's Road to Peace (p. 3)	7:00 PM – 88th St.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Class: Shabbat: A Sanctuary in Time, Rabbi Sol & Hazzan Priven	7:00 PM – 88th St.
BJ Goes to Argentina meeting (p. 2)	7:00 PM – 86th St.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Shabbat Around the World (p. 3)	BJHS
Class: Parashat Hashavu'a, MTM Fellow Kliel Rose	7:00 PM – 86th St.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

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

### HAMAKOM YENAHEM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Jay, Marci, Avery and Rebecca Halfon on the death of Jay's beloved father, Sol Halfon.

### MAZAL TOV

to the following members and their families:

- Rebecca, Mitchell, Alexander and Jason Winter and Lisa Kassel on Rebecca becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- William, Jonathan and Benjamin Jacobs and Carolyn Douglas on William becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Marsha and Dominique Boer on the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Kimberly Boer to Peter Hamburger.
- David Sternoff and Nancy Schwartz Sternoff, Joshua and Rebecca Sternoff on the naming of their granddaughter and daughter, Lila Segal Sternoff.

### BRUKHIM HABA'IM

- Rabbi David Spey and Confirmation Class, Temple Beth Ami, Rockville, Maryland.
- Eitan Agai, President, and congregants, officers, board members and committee chairs of the Jewish Community Center of West Hempstead, Long Island, NY.

### • 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.

## 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 it on the web 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.: For those who have pre-registered only, join us for a catered Shabbat dinner with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller after services. Walk-ins if space available (\$35/\$45 payable after Shabbat). **Saturday, Nov 1**, 88th St, Frankel Hall 4:30 PM: For all interested, join us for study and Havdalah with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller.

#### • Beit Midrash Study at the JCC

**Nov. 8**, 1:30-3 PM: Spend Shabbat afternoon learning and discussing Torah, text, and commentaries with Rabbi Adam Mintz of Lincoln Square Synagogue and Rabbi Roly Matalon, in this opportunity for study with rabbis of different denominations in the JCC's new beit midrash. Registration required by Thursday, November 6. Free JCC members/\$7 nonmembers.

### 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.

#### • Help Make "Night of 100 Dinners" a 100 Percent Fundraising winner

We're looking for volunteers to solicit for vendor ads that appear in the Dinner Songbook. We'll give you a letter of introduction, vendor list and plenty of guidance – we'll rely on your salesmanship and enthusiasm for building ties with our neighborhood and community. The Songbook will be distributed at the annual dinner-and-dessert event, slated for March 20, 2004. If you are interested, please contact the "Night of 100 Dinners" Hotline immediately at x307.

#### • Ledor Vador Intergenerational Lunch

**Saturday, Nov. 1**, Frankel Hall, 88th St. following Shabbat services. Even if you have not signed up in advance you are more than welcome to join us and we will work out the necessary details after the event.

#### • BJ Book Group

**Nov. 2**, 7 PM, 88th St.: The BJ book group will meet to discuss Dara Horn's first novel, *In The Image*, an absorbing work about family and religion that's "an intricate web of miracles, coincidences and accidents of fate," according to the New York Times. Ms. Horn, who was just awarded a National Jewish Book Award for the novel, will join the group.

#### • 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. There will not be a wandering minyan this Shabbat.**

#### • The Rainbow Covenant: A Shabbat Learning Opportunity

**Nov. 8**, 4:30 PM, 86th St. Social Hall: The Rainbow Covenant with the Earth: Rabbi David Seidenberg will guide us through a Shabbat afternoon discussion about Genesis, Eden, the rainbow covenant, and the Jubilee year. We will see how the Torah is a covenant between God and the Earth as much as it is a covenant between God and the Jewish people. Rabbi Seidenberg completed a doctorate in ecology and Kabbalah at JTS and founded the first Hasidic egalitarian minyan in the world here in NYC. Admission is free.

• **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. **This event is sponsored in part from funds raised by the B'nai Jeshurun Sisterhood, 1848-1978.**

• **Latin American Shabbat Dinner**

**Friday, Nov. 21,** 88th St., Frankel Hall: 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." 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.

**SINGLES**

• **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**

• **Registration is open for two early childhood programs at BJ:**

1. BJ's "Shabbat Sing-a-long" (with BJ guitarist/vocalists & BJHS teachers Joel Stein & Shai Specht) runs on Fridays from Jan. 9 - Feb. 27. Ages 6-17 months come from 9:15-10:05 AM, ages 18-22 months from 10:15-11:05 AM, and ages 23-36 months from 11:15-12:05.
2. "A Magical Journey through the Parasha of the Week" (with BJ storyteller Shai Specht) runs on Sundays from Jan. 18 - Feb. 22. Ages 2-3 years come from 10:30-11:30 AM.

• **PJ's and Havdalah**

**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.

• **Shabbat Around the World**

**Nov. 3 and 6:** BJHS, in conjunction with the Bureau of Jewish Education, is introducing an exciting new learning program called Shabbat Around the World. We are bringing in a group of talented Jewish educators to run hands-on activities showing students how Shabbat is celebrated in North Africa, Bukhara, and Eastern Europe. The whole school will gather together to participate in story telling, art projects, music, dance, and cooking projects that teach about different Shabbat customs around the world. For more information, please contact Linda at x242 or [lspecht@bj.org](mailto:lspecht@bj.org).

**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**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 430 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 house meetings 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).
- Questions? Contact the SA/SJ Task Force at x349.

• **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](mailto:ENE6695059@aol.com). We welcome new participants in helping us to perform this wonderful mitzvah.

• **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.

• **"Nowhere to Run" -- Close Indian Point Song Sampler Concert**

**Nov. 8,** 8 PM: NYC Friends of Clearwater, with the cooperation of our friends at Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition (IPSEC), is staging a "live concert" at The Jewish Home and Hospital Auditorium (first floor, 120 W. 106th Street). It will be a night of protest, expression, comradery and celebration of a very worthy cause, with much of the proceeds going to Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc. All are invited! \$12 per person for ages 12 and older, \$10 for Senior Citizens and those under 12. Contact Jeanne Stork at 212-831-5027 or [jeannestork@yahoo.com](mailto:jeannestork@yahoo.com).

• **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.

• **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 TEFILLAH

From Shemini Atzeret (at the end of Sukkot) until Pesah, we include an extra line in the Amidah: *Mashiv haruah umorid hagashem: You cause the wind to blow and the rain to fall.* We add this blessing because this is the time of year in Eretz Yisrael when the fields need rain. By adding this prayer, we link ourselves to our spiritual homeland, and the land of our people.

– Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman

THIS WEEK IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY

During the War of Independence, they had been placed in temporary offices. The location was cramped, above a chicken coop, in the Russian compound area of Jerusalem. Cramped and noisy, it was undignified for one of the great institutions of democracy. During the early years of the state, as the country excitedly laid the foundations of the new society, they were left on the "sidelines." Finally on November 10, 1992 at a public ceremony attended by president Herzog and Prime Minister Rabin, the state proved that they had not been forgotten. The Supreme Court of the democratic State of Israel finally was given an honorable home.

The new Supreme Court building was a reaffirmation of Israel's dedication to democracy. In a parliamentary democracy, the two pillars consist of the legislative and judiciary. The Knesset, Israel's Parliament, had moved into its own house in 1966. Now, the Supreme Court would stand opposite the Knesset. The two would serve as true checks and balances in the maturing Israeli democracy.

The Supreme Court building also reflected a maturing in Israeli society. The Knesset had been built when the country was still young and less secure, and as a result turned to outside sources of inspiration to build a grand building. Greco-Roman architecture was the basis of the Knesset design. The Supreme Court, however, was built by an Israel much more confident in itself and its own culture. The building is uniquely Jewish, reflecting Jewish values of justice and truth from Biblical times to rabbinic Judaism. As an example, one enters the main entrance and immediately encounters the library, conveying the Jewish belief in the supremacy of the book. The building, like the Knesset, was a gift from the Rothschild family, reaffirming the partnership of the Jewish people with the State of Israel.

If "clothing makes the man," then the building makes the institution. In their new home, the Supreme Court would begin to perform its role in Israeli democracy, that of providing checks and balances on the Knesset. In Israeli democracy, any citizen has a right to appeal any government decision, challenge any vote in the Knesset, and even challenge an order by the army. The Supreme Court, in its new surroundings, has been increasingly interested in listening to these controversial cases and at times overruling the Knesset. The court has slowly become more interventionist.

– The Israel Committee

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