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Nov. 7 - Nov. 14, 2003

6 Heshvan - 12 Heshvan 5764

LEKH LEKHA

TORAH

ANNUAL: Genesis 12:1 - 17:27

TRIENNIAL: Genesis 16:1 - 17:27

HAFTARAH: Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16

NEXT WEEK: VAYERA

ANNUAL: Genesis 18:1 - 22:24

TRIENNIAL: Genesis 21:1 - 22:24

HAFTARAH: II Kings 4:1 - 4:37

**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. It is our goal to have 150 blood donors on Nov. 12, but we have a shortage of donors and it's urgent - 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.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88th St.

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service, ASL interpreted 6:00 PM - HESCHEL SCHOOL, 270 W. 89

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM - 86th St.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Shabbat Service 9:30 AM - 86th St.

D'var Torah Rabbi David Lazar

Bat Mitzvah Maya Peña

Bar Mitzvah Zachary Bleckner

Children's Service 10:45 AM - 86th St.

Beit Midrash Study, Rabbis Matalon & Mintz (p. 2) 1:30 PM - JCC, 76th & Amsterdam

Rainbow Covenant, Rabbi Seidenberg (p. 2) 4:30 PM - 86th St.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th St.

BJ Honors its Authors 2:30 PM - 88th St.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.

Bar Mitzvah Evan Fishman

Class: Introduction to Judaism, Rabbi Zimmerman 7:00 PM - 86th St.

Class: Yaakov Became Yisrael, Rabbi Feldman 7:00 PM - 86th St.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.

Class: Shabbat: A Sanctuary in Time, Rabbi Sol & Hazzan Priven 7:00 PM - 88th St.

BJ Blood Drive (Social Justice Opp. of the Week) 8:30 PM - 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.

Class: Theology & Meaning in the Prayerbook, Rabbi Matalon 6:30 PM - 88th St.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.

Class: Parashat Hashavu'a, MTM Fellow Kliel Rose 7:00 PM - 86th St.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAZAL TOV

to the following members and their families:

- Maya, Richard, Ari and Lita Peña and Karen Soren on Maya becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Zachary, David, Jonah, Isabelle Bleckner and Melissa Bachner and Sheila and Norman Bleckner on Zachary becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Evan, Howard, Elissa, Sophie and Samuel Fishman on Evan becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Craig Moskowitz and Barbara Drimmer on their upcoming wedding.
- Mark Weiss and Allison Baker on their recent engagement.
- Rabbi Deborah and David Bravo on the birth of their son, Samuel Nathan.
- The 311 members who made Spiritual Pledges during this year's Yamim Nora'im to increase their level of participation in Judaism and/or in BJ.

BRUKHIM HABA'IM

- Eitan Agai, President, and congregants, officers, board members and committee chairs of the Jewish Community Center of West Hempstead, Long Island, NY.
- Rabbi Joseph Krakoff, Jennie Allan, Educational Director and Confirmation Class, Congregation Shaarey Zedek, West Bloomfield, Michigan.
- Alexandra Frisch, Director of Youth Program and Confirmation Class, Beth El Congregation, Baltimore, Maryland.
- Jennifer Cooper and guests from International House.
- Reverend Mike Baughman and Youth Group, 1st Methodist Church, Somerville, NJ.
- Our new members who are participating in the New Member Orientation Program. Mazal tov!

• 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 a wide variety of classes, and the catalog is now on the web and at the BJ office. Check it out and register right away!

• Beit Midrash Study at the JCC

Nov. 8, 1:30-3 PM: For those who are registered, 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 at 76th St. & Amsterdam Ave. Free JCC members/\$7 nonmembers.

• Bein Kodesh Lehol

3 Tuesdays (Nov. 18 and Dec. 2, 9) 7-8:30 PM, 86th St. Chapel: Join Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein for a class that will continue and deepen the conversations we began over the Yamim Nora'im, in an exploration of the creative tension between the profane and the sacred in the land of Israel, in the diaspora and between Israel and the diaspora. Cost: Free; registration required; CODE: 426

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• 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.

• Beit Rabban Open House

Do you care deeply about Jewish learning? Do you want your child to be an independent thinker, but not at the expense of traditional learning, rigor, and commitment to Torah and mitzvot? Do you want your child to be caring, respectful toward others and to be committed to *gemilut chasadim*? Come to an Open House at Beit Rabban (8 W. 70th St.) on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 8 PM to find out more about our unique approach to education starting in preschool. For reservations, to schedule a tour, or to receive info, call Chana at 212-595-1386.

• Walk and Witness for Climate and Creation

Nov. 12, 11 AM at the United Nations: Religious Witness for the Earth invites you to an Interfaith Service of Repentance and Renewal on the anniversary of the Kyoto Protocol on global warming, which we signed under the Clinton administration but which the Bush administration has rejected. We will call on the United States to rejoin the community of nations in seeking solutions and rededicate ourselves to faithful stewardship of the Earth. For more info, contact Kate Stevens at nov12@religiouswitness.org or visit www.religiouswitness.org.

• New Israel Fund's New Generations Benefit

Thursday, Nov. 20, 8 PM Club Deep, 16 West 22 Street (between 5th & 6th Avenues): Join hundreds of people in their 20s, 30s and 40s to celebrate 24 years of continued dedication to strengthening democracy and promoting freedom, justice and equality for all Israel's citizens. Featuring live jazz, DJ, elegant buffet (kosher), open bar, and a fabulous silent auction. \$150 (full-time students: \$75). Information & tickets online at: www.nif.org/benefit. Contact 212-750-2333, nynewgen@nif.org.

• 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.

• Sharansky Speaks at State of Israel Bonds Dinner

Dec. 9, 7 PM at Kay Caterers Banquet Hall, 200 Amsterdam Ave.: Natan Sharansky, Israel's Minister for Jerusalem and Diaspora Affairs, will deliver the keynote address at a dinner honoring major Israel Bonds supporters from Manhattan's Upper West Side Synagogues. \$75 per person. For reservations, please call Robert Lunzer at 212-446-5835.

• In Tribute to Our Writers

Sunday, Nov. 9, 2:30 PM, 88th St.: In conjunction with Jewish Book Month, BJ will host an afternoon honoring the many authors of our community. Join us for a festive book fair 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. For further information, or to join our monthly e-mail list, call x371 or email BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com.

• Looking for Victoria: An Argentine Story – Film Premiere

Monday, Dec. 1, 7-9 PM at 88th St.: Join the BJ Latin America Committee for the premiere of a new documentary film about the era of the disappeared in Argentina (1976-1983). A panel discussion with Director Ton Vriens and Executive Producer Naomi Meyer will follow. Admission is free. For further information, or to join our monthly email list, call x371, or email BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com.

• BJ Goes to Argentina

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 shortly on www.bj.org. For further information, call x240.

• 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.

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 6:45 PM 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. For more information, call Date Bait at 212-971-1084 or Michael at x260.

• Single Parent Havurah

The Single Parent Havurah will be having a brunch on Sunday, Nov. 23. Anyone interested should e-mail djzagorski@hotmail.com.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

• 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.

Applications are online at www.bj.org/Hebrew School/Early Childhood. For more information, call Linda Specht at x242 or Dalya Levy at x241.

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 500 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 must be BJ members. What you can do:

- Attend one of the house meetings scheduled between now and Dec. 7. Sign up at www.bj.org
- Volunteer to participate in a one-on-one conversation! Sign up at www.bj.org

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

• Thanksgiving at the Shelter

Volunteers are needed to help organize our annual Thanksgiving dinner for guests at the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. If you can set a nice table, serve food, be a friendly companion and clean up, you are qualified. Interested? E-mail Anne Millman at anniemill@aol.com.

• 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 ssamuels@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.

• NACOEJ Interim Report

As a result of the Rabbis' Yom Kippur appeal, nearly 100 BJ members responded by contributing over \$12,000 to feed Jewish school children in Ethiopia where the famine and malaria epidemic is life threatening.

YAD L'YAD – HAND TO HAND

Tzedakah is among the most rewarding and greatest of Jewish traditions - it connects us to our Jewish values and culture, spirituality and our community. Each week, we will highlight some examples of how your dollars make a difference. Did you know that the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program, now in its 21st year of operation, feeds close to 200 guests on a weekly basis (a 50% increase from last year)? Your gift of \$2400 will help feed 600 people for one month, and \$600 will help feed 150 people for one week. Our homeless shelter welcomes guests four nights a week and reflects BJ's undying commitment to the mitzvah of caring for the stranger in our midst. Your gift of \$400 will provide a hot meal and a clean, safe place to sleep for 160 guests for one month.

• **Did you know that we have a social worker on staff?**

From the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services, Susan Kalev, CSW, works at Bnai Jeshurun on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She is available to BJ members with family problems, mental health issues, sudden illness, concerns over elderly parents, etc. She offers short-term counseling and makes referrals for further assistance. She is reachable at extension 377.

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 upon entering the sanctuary and during services. We do not allow food in the sanctuary.

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

The Barhu is an antiphonal prayer – a call and response. The service leader begins with the words *Barhu et Adonai hamvorah: Praise God, Source of blessing*. The congregation responds: *Baruh Adonai hamvorah leolam va ed: Praised is God, Source of blessing, forever*. The Barhu is the gateway to the central part of every service. Why is it antiphonal? Why is it important to make sure that the leader and the congregation are prepared to pray together?

– Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman

THIS WEEK IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY

The man was beaming as he went up to the podium. It was the crowning achievement of his career. It was also the ultimate irony. On November 13, 1974, just six months after he had given orders to murder twenty school children in Ma'alot, Yasser Arafat, head of the PLO, was about to speak before the United Nations General assembly.

Israel had been the first state created by decree of the United Nations when, on November 29, 1947, the body voted to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab states. At that vote, the U.N. recognized that the Jews had a right to live in their own independent state, in their own homeland. Now Yasser Arafat stood in front of that same body and declared that Israel had no right to exist.

The Jewish world watched in horror, incredulous at the spectacle. The U.N. was now dominated by the Soviet-Arab block of states. Exerting pressure on the developing nations in Africa and Asia, they were determined to force their own agenda on the world body, and especially the complete ostracization and, ultimately, the destruction of Israel. In a world turned upside down, Israel would now be the evil entity while the murderous PLO would represent goodness and justice. This diplomatic assault climaxed one year later on November 10, 1975, when the General Assembly of the UN passed a resolution that "Zionism is a threat to world peace and security and a form of racism and imperialism." The resolution passed 72 to 35. The Jewish people understood the vote. Even though the United Nations was created to counter the hatred of World War II, it itself had become a vehicle of anti-Semitism.

Zionism is the expression of Jewish nationalism. The Jews, an ancient people, emerged from a time in world history when each nation had its own language, land, culture and religion. To the Jewish people, religion and nationality are parts of the same whole. Traditionally, anti-Semites had attacked Jews through their religion. Now the U.N. was singling out Jewish nationalism as being illegal and immoral.

On November 10, 1975 as Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador, ascended the podium, a silence fell over the hall. Dressed in a dignified suit, wearing a tie and not carrying a gun, he stared directly into the faces of the diplomats of the General Assembly. Some of the faces wore an expression of embarrassment, others hatred. It was time for Israel to respond to the resolution. He looked out at the delegates of the assembly, picked up a copy of the resolution, "Zionism is Racism" and tore it up.

– The Israel Committee

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