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SHOFTIM

ANNUAL: Deuteronomy 16:18 - 21:9
TRIENNIAL: Deuteronomy 19:14 - 21:9
HAFTARAH: Isaiah 51:12 - 52:12

NEXT WEEK: KI TETZE

ANNUAL: Deuteronomy 21:10 - 25:19
TRIENNIAL: Deuteronomy 24:14 - 25:19
HAFTARAH: Isaiah 54:1-10

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY
 OF THE WEEK

**Panim el Panim: HEALTH AND THE CITY:
 TRANSFORMING DIALOGUE INTO ACTION**

Wednesday, September 8 – 7 PM, 88th Street
 For more info, or to RSVP, call x302.

- Are you frustrated with the state of healthcare in our country and in our city?
- Did you know that 44 million Americans, including 1.8 million New Yorkers, do not have health insurance?

The Healthcare/Economic Hardship Hevra will host *HEALTH AND THE CITY: Transforming Dialogue Into Action* – a forum on the state of healthcare coverage in the U.S. and NYC. Featured speakers include BJ's Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon; Martha Livingston, Ph.D., a SUNY professor and expert on international healthcare systems; Ed Ott, Director of Public Policy and Worker Education at the NYC Central Labor Council, and Julia Beatty, lead organizer of NY Jobs With Justice. The forum will address critical gaps in healthcare coverage; the healthcare platforms of the leading political parties; and ways to take action. The forum is part of Panim el Panim – our congregation-wide initiative to stimulate education and action on critical social issues. The event is free and open to the public.

Don't go to the polls this November without this important information!

August 20 - August 27, 2004

4 Elul - 10 Elul 5764

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 PM – 88th St.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

Shabbat Service 9:30 AM – 88th St.
 Aliyat Hatan veKallah Henry Schwartzstein and Ann Sherman
 Children's Service 10:45 AM – 88th St.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.
 Voter Registration Drive (p. 3) 6:00 PM – 330 W. 42nd St.

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
 Race for the Cure Meeting (p. 3) 6:00 PM – BJ Office
 BJ High Holy Days Choir Rehearsal (p. 4) 8:00 PM – 88th St.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
 Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM – 88th St.
 BJ High Holy Days Choir Rehearsal (p. 4) 8:00 PM – 88th St.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

Transportation available to BJ, 88th Street, for the September 8 Health and the City Forum !

The Healthcare/Economic Hardship Hevra is committed to assisting any BJ member that may have difficulty getting to the Forum on September 8. If you would like a ride or an escort, please contact Ilana Ebersson at x357. Leave your name, phone number, and place you will be coming from and we will find transportation for you to the Forum. If you have a car or can volunteer as an escort, call and let us know!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAH'EM

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

- Eric, Barbara, Jessica and Rachel Dobkin on the death of Eric's beloved father, Harry Aaron Dobkin.
- Barbara and Leonard Sugin and their family on the death of Barbara's beloved mother, Dorothy Gruberg.

MAZAL TOV

To Henry Schwartzstein and Ann Sherman and their families on Ann and Henry's upcoming wedding.

• 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 hashavu'a 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 some of this year's parashiyot, but there are still many 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 Miya (x256 or mrotstein@bj.org) as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

Taught by Anne Kohn, CSW: 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 it is we are looking for in a relationship, articulate what we bring to the table, and define ways to create what we wish for. TIME: 9 Thursdays (Oct. 21 – Dec. 23) and 1 Tuesday (Nov. 23), 7:00 – 8:30PM. LOCATION: TBA. COST: \$150/\$225 (please note, priority will be given to members). CODE: 525.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• BJ Softball

For people in their 30's and 40's. No skill necessary. WHERE: All games are at the North Meadow ball fields in Central Park. COST: \$10 for the season. REMAINING DATES & TIMES **Aug.**: 24 and 31 and **Sept.** 2 at 7 PM. (All games are at Field #5) No need to RSVP. Just show up. Questions only: please contact Phil Gross at PGross@KKWC.com.

• Pre-Seliḥot Gathering for BJ Members in their 20s and 30s

Saturday, September 11, 6:30 PM, 86th Street Parlor: What better way to start the year than with dessert and friends? Join us for a pre-Seliḥot gathering of BJ members in their 20s and 30s. We will do a little studying, a little noshing, a little singing and a lot of creating a kehillah that will only grow and continue in the new year. At the end of this program, we join other BJ members for Seliḥot services at 88th St. For more info, contact Sara Meyer at 917-673-0872. Cost: \$5.

• 9/11 BJ Volunteers

In response to the World Trade Center disaster, many BJ members heroically responded by volunteering extensively at St. Paul's Chapel at Ground Zero. If any of you, especially those without health insurance, have experienced respiratory problems since then, we encourage you to contact the World Trade Center Health Registry at www.wtcregistry.org or 1-866-692-9827. Treatment protocols are being established to help those who were in close proximity to the site and who may be experiencing symptoms. For further information, please contact Carol at x255.

• Frédéric Brenner's *Diaspora* Available at a Discount from BJ

The BJ office has a limited number of copies of Frédéric Brenner's book, *Diaspora: Homelands in Exile*, available for purchase. This two-volume visual anthology is based on Brenner's travels to document the Jewish diaspora over the past 25 years from Rome to New York, India to Yemen, Morocco to Ethiopia, and Sarajevo to Jerusalem. Photographs from the project were featured in a recent exhibition at the Brooklyn Museum as well as at the JCC in Manhattan. The boxed set is priced at only \$75 (reg. \$100) from the BJ office. Please contact Anne Kohn at x240 or send an email to: akohn@bj.org.

SINGLES

• Oneg Shabbat

Friday, September 10: The New Year is almost here, so it's time to make good on that resolution by meeting someone new at our monthly gathering. Meet great, upbeat people downstairs at 88th Street (Frankel Hall) following the 86th Street 6:45 PM services. Refreshments served. SEE YOU THERE!

• Dorot (Rosh Hashanah) Package Delivery

Sunday, September 12, 11 AM: Do a mitzvah at our first of three package deliveries. Our group will meet at Brandeis High School, down the block and across the street from Dorot (171 West 85th St. near Amsterdam), for a brief orientation and then get into our teams of three to make our deliveries to homebound elderly on the Upper West Side. Spend quality time with someone who will very much appreciate your time to chat and visit. Please RSVP by **September 7** by calling x260 and leaving your name and phone number, or email mkelberg@BJ.org. This confirms you.

• BJ Community Break-Fast

Join us on **Saturday, September 25** following Yom Kippur services at 88th St. for a Community Break-fast, co-sponsored by the Singles and Shabbat B'Yahad committees. Cost: \$20/members; \$30/non-members; \$40 at the door if space is available. Register online or pay by telephone with your credit card by calling x260. If you would like to pay by check, send your payment to the BJ office marked "Community Breakfast 9/25" but you must confirm receipt by calling Michael at x260. DEADLINE: **September 21**.

SINGLES

• **Singles Retreat**

Friday, October 22 - Sunday, October 24: 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 Rabbis Roly and Klief 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. Check the web for early bird registration savings!! Applications available online at www.BJ.org. Questions? Call Michael at x260.

HEBREW SCHOOL AND FAMILY LIFE

• **BJHS REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS FOR 2004-2005**

BJHS Registration applications for 2004-05 school year were sent out a few weeks ago. Please send in your application to reserve your space for next year. If you haven't received an application in the mail, let us know (by calling us at x241) and we will send you one or you can download the forms from www.bj.org, Hebrew School, BJHS Registration Form 2004-2005.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **TELEPHONE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE TO FLORIDA VOTERS!--**

Join BJ Women's Rights Hevra members on **Sunday, August 22** from 6-9 PM. Location: 330 W. 42nd St. (between 8th/9th Avenues), 7th floor. A new phone voter registration drive is taking place through Citizen Action NY in which we'll be walking potential Florida voters through their voter registration forms. Citizen Action of New York has teamed up with a Florida gay rights group called Florida Equality to call and register 88,000 unregistered gay rights activists in Florida. This ambitious project demands that we get 50 callers a night. If you're able to volunteer on August 22, contact Pam Wax at pwax@bcn.net or at 212-280-1019.

• **INTERFAITH RING OF HOPE during the RNC!**

Tuesday, Aug. 31, 8:30 PM, Broadway and 86th St.; bring a flashlight! BJ and SPSA are joining together for the Interfaith Ring of Hope around Manhattan taking place during the Republican National Convention. Each participant will hold a light to affirm hope and reclaim our spiritual, moral, and democratic values, and take a stand for prophetic justice that prioritizes the needs of the poor and marginalized in America. Ring forms at 8:30 PM. We will turn our lights on, together with thousands throughout the city, at 9 PM. There will be a special sermon by Dr. James A. Forbes, Pastor of The Riverside Church and Keynote Speaker on the National Council of Churches' National Campaign, "Let Justice Roll: Faith and Community Against Poverty" broadcast on WBAL, 99.5 FM at the same time. We need 2-3 congregants to coordinate this important interfaith social justice effort. If you are interested in helping lead the BJ delegation, please contact Amanda Silver at x259.

• **HEALTH CRISIS AND ELECTION 2004**

Aug. 31/Sept. 1, CUNY Graduate Center Auditorium, 365 5th Avenue: FREE! Join members of the BJ Healthcare/Economic Hardship Hevra at this important conference. You are invited to be part of the campaign of the century and two days of discussion and training on how to win a new health care system in this country NOW. This conference and the Rally of the Uninsured will be held at the time of the Republican Convention in New York City. To register, call the CUNY Graduate Center at 212-817-8215. For more information, call 1-800-453-1305 or go to <http://www.cnhpnow.org/>.

• **HAZON 4th Annual NY Jewish Environmental Bike Ride**

Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-6: Join our bike team, the BJ Revolutionaries, to get great exercise, make new friends, and raise money for Jewish Environmental causes in the US and Israel. We need people who haven't ridden in years but who want a good challenge, as well as avid cyclists looking for a great ride; all ages welcome! No experience necessary; there will be training rides throughout the summer to prepare. Participants will ride 110 miles over two days on a beautiful route from Connecticut to New York. The optional Pre-Ride Shabbat Retreat, on the Friday and Saturday, will be at the beautiful Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center in CT. To register, go to www.hazon.org and sign up as part of the BJ Revolutionaries. Questions? Call BJ Team Captain Susan Baer at x392. We need 6 more people to reach our team goal of 10 riders!

• **Panim el Panim: Children's Action Hevra**

Please join us at our **September 9** planning meeting from 7-9 PM. Please call x301 for location. We will be discussing our partnership with the Ralph Bunche School on 123rd Street in Morningside Heights and the October events we have scheduled. These include:

- October 2** at Shabbat Services – Kick Off
- October 5** – Tutoring Training
- October 12 & 14** – Tutoring Begins
- October 18** – Open House at Ralph Bunche School

• **Panim el Panim: GET ON THE BUS!**

Sunday, September 19, all day: Join us as BJ goes door-to-door in Pennsylvania to register voters for the most important election of our lifetime! Busfare is \$25 per person. Make your check payable to: Citizen Action NY and mail it with a registration form (found in the back of the sanctuary or at www.bj.org) to the BJ office. Mark the outside of the envelope "Women's Rights Hevra." Questions? For more information, contact our voicemail at x369.

• **Join BJ in the Race/Walk for the Cure for Breast Cancer!**

Please register with the CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN TEAM for the annual 5K Race/Walk for the Cure on **Sun., Sept. 12**. One out of seven of our mothers, sisters, daughters and friends (and their families) will have to struggle with breast cancer. Race for the Cure raises money for research, underserved centers, and local support groups like Share. For further info, please contact Glenda Frank at 212-749-0160 or glfrank@erols.com or register online at www.komennyc.org. The team is Congregation Bnai Jeshurun – no apostrophe – and our password is "mitzvah." The planning committee for the Susan B. Komen Race/Walk for the Cure will meet on **Mon., Aug. 23** at 6 PM at the BJ office. Everyone is welcome, even if you cannot participate in the Race/Walk but want to share ideas. We are particularly interested in contacting survivors and the families of those who suffered through the disease so that we can dedicate our walk to them. For further info, contact Glenda Frank at glfrank@erols.com or 212-749-0160.

• **MITZVAH WHILE YOU SLEEP**

Volunteer for the BJ/SPSA Homeless shelter! We need 6-10 new volunteers to do one of the following: (1) sleep at the shelter once a month or (2) volunteer for set-up one evening a month. Many of our regular volunteers are out of town for the summer, so we need your help! Support one of BJ's longest running social justice programs. Sign up and contact Shelter Co-Chair Robert Imershein at 212-339-4250 or rimershein@capstarny.com for more info.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **Panim el Panim Environmental Action Fair Trade Coffee Campaign**

Panim el Panim's first action campaign began with BJ's pledge to serve fair-trade coffee and tea at all events. As the campaign gains momentum, there will be numerous opportunities for action. You can start now by asking your regular food stores to carry fair-trade coffee. We will be canvassing the major food stores and restaurants on the Upper West Side to persuade them to offer fair-trade coffee, and the more requests they get, the more likely they are to agree. Get involved and call us at BJ's Environmental Action Hotline at x310. Learn more about fair trade at www.transfairusa.org.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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WELCOME TO B'NAI JESHURUN! If you are unfamiliar with our services, see our "Welcome to BJ" brochure at the back of the sanctuary, or ask an usher.

• **Membership at B'nai Jeshurun:** Are you considering joining BJ? Would you like information about becoming a member? BJ is also pleased that visitors choose to connect with us when they are in town. Why don't you consider joining our community as a BJ Friend? Contact Membership Director Belinda Lasky at x224 or blasky@bj.org.

• **A Note from the Ushers:** For those at the Friday night service at 88th St., please leave your siddurim on your seats as you leave. Place damaged books or tallitot in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary. We ask that men wear kippot upon entering the sanctuary and during services. We do not allow food in the sanctuary. So that we may prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before the services begin.

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 Klitel Rose, x264.

HIGH HOLY DAYS

• **Se'udah Match For the High Holidays**

Be a Hakhnasat Orhim Host or Guest. Consider sharing the Yamim Nora'im with other BJ members. Forms for Hosts and Guests will soon be available online and in the rear of the Sanctuaries. Sign-up for guests must be submitted by **Friday, September 3**. If you would like to take part in this mitzvah and would like further information, please contact Elana Weinberg at x351 or at Hospitality@bj.org.

• **Join the BJ High Holy Days Choir**

The BJ Choir is beginning its rehearsing in preparation for the Yamim Nora'im. If you are interested in participating, please contact Marta Felcman, choir director, at x303.

• **High Holy Day Entrance Cards**

The summer has been abuzz with new people joining the B'nai Jeshurun community and members renewing their commitments to the congregation. Thank you to all who have completed your applications and for reserving your holiday locations. High Holy Day entrance cards have been mailed to those members who have submitted their applications. If you have not received your cards, please be assured that they are on their way. Our new membership year began on **July 1**. You may continue to renew online at www.bj.org under 'Membership' or contact Belinda Lasky, Director of Membership, x224, for an application. Seating is still available at Symphony Space; 86th Street & 88th Street have been filled.

• **Call for Donations to the High Holy Day Flower Fund**

The High Holy Days are fast approaching. One way to help enhance the beauty and atmosphere of our services is by making a donation to the Flower Fund in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please call Rebekah at x228.

• **Purchase our High Holy Days CD in Time for the High Holy Days!**

With the High Holy Days coming up, our newest CD and songbook, "TekiYah: Echoes of the High Holy Days at BJ," are both available now for \$18 each. You can also take home the music of our Shabbat services by purchasing our CD, "With Every Breath," for \$18, or our Pesah CD, "HaLailah Hazeh," or the Pesah songbook, for \$18 each. Buy online at www.bj.org, or drop by the office between 9:00 and 4:30, Monday-Thursday, and until 2:30 on Friday.

• **High Holy Days Reading**

During the upcoming High Holy Days, we will be studying and discussing the book *The Dignity of Difference: How to Avoid the Clash of Civilizations* by Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi of Great Britain. We recommend you prepare by reading the book in advance. Please obtain the original hardcover edition, which can be purchased at West Side Judaica (WSJ has just received 250 copies of the book, and they donate 10% of the proceeds to BJ if you are a BJ member and tell them so), directly from the publisher at www.continuumbooks.com, or at Barnes and Noble.

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