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KI TAVO

ANNUAL: Deuteronomy 26:1 - 29:8

TRIENNIAL: Deuteronomy 27:11 - 29:8

HAFTARAH: Isaiah 60:1-22

NEXT WEEK: NITZAVIM-VAYELEKH

ANNUAL: Deuteronomy 29:9 - 31:30

TRIENNIAL: Deuteronomy 31:7 - 31:30

HAFTARAH: Isaiah 61:10 - 63:9

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!

September 3 - 10, 2004

18 - 24 Elul 5764

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

7:00 PM – 88th St.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Shabbat Service

9:30 AM – 88th St.

Bat Mitzvah

Hallie Bahn

Bat Mitzvah

Lauren Weinberg

Aliyat Hatan veKallah

Victor Brener and Stephanie Hiram

Children's Service

10:45 AM – 88th St.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Morning Minyan

LABOR DAY – BJ OFFICE CLOSED

9:30 AM – 88th St.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ High Holy Days Choir Rehearsal (p. 4)

8:00 PM – 86th St.

Class: Preparing for the High Holy Days,
Rabbi Rose (p. 2)

7:00 PM – 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Kesharim

2:00 PM – 88th St.

BJ High Holy Days Choir Rehearsal (p. 4)

5:00 PM – 86th St.

Panim el Panim: Health and the City (p. 3)

7:00 PM – 88th St.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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 – 86th St.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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!

Please note that beginning September 10th

Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:00 PM – 88th St.

Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:45 PM – 86th St.

Shabbat morning Service

9:30 AM – 86th St.

Children's Service: Chapel

10:45 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAHEM

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

- Ted Fisher on the death of his beloved father, Irwin Fisher.
- Ellen Landsberger on the death of her beloved mother, Gleniss Loventhal.
- Richard, Rae, Adam and Dan Janvey on the death of Richard's beloved father, Abraham Janvey.
- Jane Fuchsberg on the death of her beloved mother, Esta Fuchsberg.
- Renee, Neal, Daniel and Teddy Goff on the death of Renee's beloved mother, Hettie Kamm.
- Dan Caligor, Rabbi Anne Ebersman, Emma and Lara Caligor on the death of Dan's beloved parents and Emma and Lara's grandparents, Judith and Leopold Caligor.
- Sima Ariam on the death of her beloved mother, Ester Weisadler.
- Jeanette and Joyce Gottlieb on the death of their beloved cousin, Theodore (Teddy) Baldwin.
- Holly Zabitz on the death of her beloved mother, Leila Zabitz.
- Melanie Katzman, Russell, Wyndham and Harper Makowsky on the death of Melanie's beloved mother, Selma Slavin Katzman.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Hallie, Allan, Jackson, Micaela Bahn and Lori Pollan on Hallie becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Lauren, Judith, Martin and Lily Weinberg on Lauren becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- David and Elizabeth Block on the birth of their daughter, Emma Lynn.
- Victor Brener and Stephanie Hiram and their families on their upcoming wedding.

The flowers for the bimah are sponsored by Martin and Judith Weinberg and Allan Bahn and Lori Pollan in honor of their daughters Lauren and Hallie becoming b'nai mitzvah.

BRUKHIM HABA-IM

Rabbi Martin P. Beifeld, Jr. and the Confirmation Class of Congregation Ahabah, Richmond, Virginia.

• High Holy Day Entrance Cards

High Holy Day entrance cards have been mailed to those members who have submitted their applications and reserved holiday locations. Seating is still available at Symphony Space; 86th Street & 88th Street have been filled. For membership forms received after **September 1**, entrance cards must be picked up at the B'nai Jeshurun office beginning **Tuesday, September 7**. Contact Belinda Lasky, Director of Membership, at x224, for more information.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

LIMUD

• Preparing For The High Holy Days

Rabbi Klitel Rose, Marshall T. Meyer Fellow: High Holy Day theology is difficult to understand. However, there is an inherent wisdom and meaning expressed through the liturgy. If we attempt to confront it, we can learn how to work with the challenges. The High Holy Days and the days in between provide an opportunity for deep soul-searching, honesty and forgiveness. We will try to create a meaningful experience, as we stand before God and pray to be written and sealed for a good year. We will look at the significance of teshuvah in rabbinic, hassidic, and contemporary sources and study prayers from the mahzor, discussing exercises and practices to engage in prior to the holidays. TIME: 2 Tuesdays (September 7, 14), 7:00 - 9:00 PM. LOCATION: 88th Street Sanctuary. COST: Free/\$45; registration required. CODE: 509.

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

Facilitated 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 CODE: 525.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

Saturday, September 11, 7PM, 86th Street Parlor: What better way to start the year than with dessert and friends? Join us for a pre-Selihot 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 Selihot services at 88th St. RSVP to Sydney1001@aol.com. For more info, contact Sara Meyer at 917-673-0872. Cost: \$10.

• The Evening of Selihot

Join us for an evening of reflection, music and study as a September 11th memorial and preparation for Selihot, on Saturday evening, September 11th at 9:45 at 88th St. A coffee hour will follow and the Selihot service will begin at midnight.

• New York Jewish Music & Heritage Festival:

To mark the 350th anniversary of Jewish life in America, the first New York Jewish Music & Heritage Festival is planned for Sept. 7-14. This week-long celebration features over 50 groups performing at 15 venues throughout the city and pays tribute to the diversity, creativity and power of Jewish musical styles, composers and artists. The kickoff concert at the 92nd St. Y features Neil Sedaka, Debbie Friedman, Soulfarm, David Broza, Lisa Loeb, Jill Sobule and Philip Glass. Concerts throughout the week offer the best Klezmer bands as well rock, rap, Middle-Eastern and Gypsy music, Hasidic reggae, Yiddish art songs and more. On Sunday, Sept. 12 (11 am -8 pm) at the South Street Seaport, Pier 17 there will be an all day free concert and re-enactment of the arrival of the original 23 Jews to settle in New York. For more information, call 212-608-0555 or visit www.oyhoo.com.

• Make Your Voice Count! Be Sure to Vote!

If you cannot vote or cannot get to the polls, we have absentee ballots available and we will help you fill out the applications. To receive the ballots, please call Susan Kalev at x377 or contact the Women's Rights Hevra, x369.

• Gay Men's Havurah

Monday, September 20, 7PM. Meets on the third Monday of every month. Next meeting located on UWS. Light kosher meal included, no charge. We are looking for members of all ages with our like minded lifestyle to become a part of this potentially new dynamic spiritually based Havurah experience. For more info, contact Jonathan Baron, 212.663.6702 or designbaron@hotmail.com,

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. (Frankel Hall) 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 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 Kliel 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.

YOUTH & FAMILY EDUCATION

• **BJHS Registration Nearing Capacity for 2004-2005**

September 20, the first day of Hebrew School, is fast approaching, and classes are filling up for the school year. If you would like your child to be part of the Hebrew School learning community, please send in your application before registration closes on September 13. Applications are available at www.bj.org Please call Helene at x241 if you have questions.

• **Children's Ne'ilah Procession on Yom Kippur**

Please purchase battery-operated candles for your children to carry in the Ne'ilah procession that concludes Yom Kippur on Saturday night, September 25. Candles are available at West Side Judaica, on Broadway between 88th and 89th Street, (212) 362-7846. You can also purchase small flashlights at any drugstore. There will be some extra candles available at the three Ne'ilah locations, but you can guarantee that your child will have a candle to carry by purchasing one ahead of time -- and checking that the batteries are working.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

Planning Meeting: **Thursday, September 9, 7-9 PM**, BJ Office. 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

TO RSVP or for more info, please call x301.

• **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."

• **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.

• **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.

• **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.

• **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.

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 Kliel Rose, x264.

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.

• **New! LGBT Information Line x388:** BJ Voice Mailbox takes messages for callers interested in BJ-LGBT information. Our volunteers will return calls within 48 hours to help callers feel welcome at BJ or supply updates of LGBT related activities and events.

D'VAR TEFILLAH

During the month of Elul, there is custom to blow the Shofar every weekday at the conclusion of the morning service (excluding Shabbat). There are four sounds which are heard: (1) Tekiah – a flat straight sound; (2) Shevarim – three broken sounds; (3) Teruah – nine rapid sounds resembling wailing; (4) And a final Tekiah – a whole note. Rabbi Isaiah Horowitz offered a commentary as to why the Shofar is blown in this particular order: "This is the theme of Rosh Hashanah (and Elul). We were whole, we became broken, but we shall be whole again. We were whole, broken, even shattered into fragments of the Teruah, but we shall be whole again!" {Quoted by Rabbi Arthur Green in *The Jewish Holidays: A Guide and Commentary*, by Michael Strassfeld (Harper & Row, 1985).}

Rabbi Kliel Rose

HIGH HOLY DAYS

• **Se'udah Match for the High Holidays: Hosts Needed!**

Consider hosting BJ members for the High Holidays this year. Places are needed for the first and second evening of Rosh Hashanah as well as for Yom Kippur break-fast. If you can make space at your table, please fill out the on-line at www.bj.org or contact Elana Weinberg at x315.

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

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

• **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, and our Pesah CD, "HaLailah Hazeh," and 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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