



RABBIS

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Rabbi Klief Rose • Katie Mizrahi

VA'YERA

TORAH

**ANNUAL:** Genesis 18:1 - 22:24

**TRIENNIAL:** Genesis 18:1 - 33

**HAFTARA:** II Kings 4:01 - 4:23

NEXT WEEK: HAYYEI SARAH

TORAH

**ANNUAL:** Genesis 23:1 - :25:18

**TRIENNIAL:** Genesis 23:1 - 24:9

**HAFTARA:** I Kings 1:1 - 31

**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY  
 OF THE WEEK**

**PIKUAH NEFESH: Save a life at the BJ Fall  
 Blood Drive**

**Wednesday, November 3**, 5-9PM, 88th Street  
 Sanctuary: To sign up, email  
 bjblood2004@yahoo.com or call x373 and  
 leave a message: your name, phone number  
 and best time 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 to the blood  
 drive. Nutritional and supplemental  
 suggestions to insure your ability to donate  
 are listed on the BJ website.

**VOTING IS A RIGHT, AN HONOR, A PRIVILEGE, A  
 GIFT OF OUR FREEDOM!**

- 1) Make sure you vote on **Tuesday, November 2**.
- 2) Help others vote. There is election protection work to be done in swing states and get-out-the-vote work by phone from New York City. Contact the BJ Women's Rights Hevra, x369, if you want further information.
- 3) If you will be out of state doing election protection work on Election Day, you can vote in person by absentee ballot NOW! Go to the Board of Elections office at 200 Varick St., 10th floor (the Houston St. subway stop on the 1/9 trains).

**October 29 - November 5, 2004 14 - 21 Heshvan 5765**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29**

Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
 Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
 Community Shabbat Dinner

6:00 PM – 88th St.  
 6:45 PM – 86th St.  
 Following services – 88th St.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30**

Shabbat Service  
 Children's Service  
 Bar Mitzvah

9:30 AM – 86th St.  
 10:45 AM – 86th St.  
 Jacob Lang  
 Samuel Taffel

Ledor Vador Luncheon

Following services – 88th St.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31**

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

Morning Minyan  
 Limud: Introduction to Judaism  
 Rabbi Klief Rose  
 Recollections of BJ's Trip to Argentina

7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 7:00 PM – BJ Office  
 6:30 PM – 88th St. (Pg. 2)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

Morning Minyan  
 Gesher  
 Limud: Building a Personal Theology  
 Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein

**ELECTION DAY - VOTE!**  
 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 5:00 PM – BJ Office (Pg. 3)  
 7:30 PM – 86th St.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

Morning Minyan  
 Kesharim  
 BJ Blood Drive  
 Limud: Deepening Our Spiritual Practice  
 Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon  
 Limud: Great Xpectations: for 20's and 30's  
 Rabbi Felicia Sol

7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 2:00 PM – 88th St.  
 5:00 - 9:00 PM – 88th St.  
 6:30 PM – 88th St.  
 7:30 PM – call x234 to RSVP

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

Morning Minyan  
 Limud: Parashat HaShavu'a  
 Rabbinic Fellow, Katie Mizrahi

7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 7:00 PM – BJ Office

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**LISHMAH 2004 "FIVE BOOKS REVISITED"**

**Sunday, October 31**, 9:00AM to 7:00PM at the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El, 10 East 66th St.

Choose from over 100 different workshops, film screenings, discussion groups, lectures, and panel discussions. Discover the biblical prophecy of Moses and the prophetic rock & roll of Bob Dylan. Listen to the exotic voices of Sephardic song and the joyful sounds of klezmer. Unearth the mystical teachings of Kaballah and engage in feminist readings of the stories of Rachel and Ruth. Explore the ways in which Jewish text and tradition relate to contemporary issues ranging from the environment to reproductive rights to tabloid gossip to the war on terrorism.

**Register Online Today- Space is Limited <http://www.lishmah.org>**

**\*Volunteer and Attend Free!** Volunteer for half the day and attend remaining sessions FREE. Send your name and contact information to Rabbi Eric Solomon and let him know whether you would prefer to volunteer in the morning or the afternoon.

Contact Rabbi Eric Solomon at [rabbi@congregationtehillah.org](mailto:rabbi@congregationtehillah.org) to secure your place.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAMAKOM YENAHM

*With profound sadness we mourn the loss of our beloved member, Dr. Steve Z. Miller and extend deep condolences to:*

• Dodi Meyer, Jesse, Maya and Nico Miller, Brenda, Phil, Barry, Jane, Liza, Aaron and Eve Miller, Naomi, Anita and Gaby Meyer, Sebastian and Manuela Stalman and the Friedman family on the tragic death of their beloved husband, father, son, brother, uncle, nephew and cousin, Steve Z. Miller.

*The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to :*

• Philip, Carole and Lauren Pearl and their family on the death of Philip's beloved mother, Adele Pearl.

Donations in memory of our beloved member, Dr. Steven Z. Miller may be made and sent to the Steve Z. Miller Family Fund, 133 West 81st Street, New York, NY 10024.

### MAZAL TOV

*To the following members and their families:*

• Jacob, David, Belinda and Joanna Lang on Jacob becoming a Bar Mitzvah.  
• Samuel, Ronald, Leah Taffel and Stacey Merel on Samuel becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

### BRUKHIM HABA-IM

• Rabbi Jonathan Perlman and staff from Springfield Jewish Community Center, Springfield, Massachusetts.  
• Rabbi Jonah Pesner, Laura Abrasley, Youth Director and 8th grade students, Temple Israel, Boston, Massachusetts.  
• Leon Tenenbaum, President, Randa Marder, Executive Director, and members, Temple Emanu-El, Miami Beach, Florida.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### HAHKHNASAT ORHIM / SHABBAT BYAHAD

#### • BJ Community Shabbat Dinner

**Friday, October 29:** Join Ari, Felicia, and the BJ community as we celebrate Shabbat with good food & good friends in Frankel Hall at 88th Street following the early service. Space permitting, cost at the door for BJ members and non-members is \$40

#### • Shabbat B'Yahad with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller

**Friday, November 19:** Join us for a catered Shabbat dinner with Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller, instructor in Kabbalah and Talmud at the University of Judaism, a Fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute for Advanced Jewish Studies in Jerusalem and a member of the Academic Advisory Board of the Wilstein Institute for Social Policy. Cost is \$30/members; \$40/non-members. TO REGISTER: Go to [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) OR send a check made out to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. In memo section of the check write "SBY 11/19/04". Note: All checks must be confirmed received by calling Michael at x260. Mail checks to: Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, att: Michael, 2109 Broadway, Suite 203, NYC 10023. Please include a phone number. Deadline: **November 11, 2004**. If space is available, add a \$10 late fee for reservations received after the deadline.

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

#### • Ledor Vador Intergenerational Lunch

**Saturday, October 30,** 88th St. Frankel Hall following Shabbat services: All ages are welcome to join Ledor Vador and members of the summer BJ trip to Israel as participants share photos, stories and incredible teachings from Israel. Please, send a check for \$12 per person (\$15 for non-members), to Belinda Lasky at the BJ office. Children are welcome to attend free of charge.

#### • Recollections of our BJ Trip to Argentina

**Monday, November 1,** 6:30PM, Sanctuary, 88th St. Join our Rabbis along with our fellow travelers as we recount our trip to Argentina this past March in a moving multimedia presentation. During this stirring evening we will share our experiences through visual images, written accounts, music, song, and conclude with a dazzling tango demonstration. Admission is free. **Ink Jet Cartridge Collection:** In our ongoing effort to collect used ink jet cartridges (the type used in home and small office printers) for our sister congregation, Bet El, in Buenos Aires, we ask that you bring any empty ink cartridges from Canon,

Epson, HP and Lexmark ink jet printers you may have and we will collect them on the night of our program. For more information, call Anne at x240.

#### • Voices of Resistance in Chilling Times: JFREJ's 8th Annual Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Risk-Taker Awards

**Wednesday, November 10,** 6PM SEIU Local 32BJ, 101 Avenue of the Americas, (between Watts & Grand): this year's awards honor Tami Gold, Juan Gonzalez, Amy Goodman, Naomi Klein, and Art Spiegelman, with a special tribute to Richie Perez. Tickets cost \$72/ sliding scale for students and low income. For tickets and more information, call (212) 647-8966 x14 or [meyerawards@igc.org](mailto:meyerawards@igc.org). Check out JFREJ's website for more updates at [www.jfrej.org](http://www.jfrej.org)

#### • BJ Book Group: "A Palestine Affair" by Jonathan Wilson.

**Sunday, November 14,** 7PM at 88th St. We will discuss "A Palestine Affair" by Jonathan Wilson. The novel is set in 1924 at the time of the British Mandate. Wilson, who heads the English department at Tufts University, sets his tale against a landscape of great beauty and intrigue with conflicts unfolding between Arab and Jew, between Zionist and non-Zionist Jews living in Palestine at the time, and between those Zionists who favored the use of violence and those who abhorred its use.

#### • "Same Difference" documentary screening

**Tuesday, Nov. 30,** 6:30PM 2-Boots Pioneer Theatre, 155 East 3rd St: 15-minute interfaith film demo by artist members of BJ, SPSA and ASMA to be shown along w/ 2 other short films, followed by brief panel, free beer & pizza. For more info: [interfaitharts@aol.com](mailto:interfaitharts@aol.com)

#### • Limmud NY: A Festival of Jewish Learning and Culture

**January 14 -17, 2005.** Limmud is the Hebrew word for learning. It's also the inspiration for a groundbreaking gathering of hundreds of Jews of all backgrounds, over Martin Luther King Weekend, at the Hudson Valley Resort (near New Paltz). Topics will range from film to Bible, Talmud to psychology, drama to Israeli politics. Singles, couples and families of all ages are welcome. Space is limited, so sign up today. For further information, visit [www.limmudny.org](http://www.limmudny.org) or call (212)284-6968.

## CREATING KEHILLAH

### SINGLES

#### • At-Home Catered Dinner

**Friday, November 12;** Join us for a Singles At-Home Catered Shabbat dinner following the 6PM service. Share Shabbat by getting together in groups of 12-18. BJ members who live on the UWS (within a 15 block radius of BJ) are also needed to host. HOST volunteers should register on-line at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) or Michael x260, [Mkelberg@bj.org](mailto:Mkelberg@bj.org). DEADLINES: To host is **October 28**; for guests, **November 3**. For more information and to register, pick up a flyer in the back of the sanctuary or check on-line at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). Questions x260. COST: \$25/mem; \$35/non-mem. \$10 after deadline late fee if space available.

#### • Career Workshop with Eileen Sharaga,

**Tuesday, November 16;** 6:30PM at 86th St.: Re-Evaluating Your Career Options - This workshop will help you explore new career options, transfer your skills to new industries and develop a focused resume. Eileen Sharaga is a career development specialist with 20 years of career consulting experience. RSVP to Michael at x260 or email [Mkelberg@bj.org](mailto:Mkelberg@bj.org) by **November 14**. Light refreshments served. Cost \$5.

#### • Date Bait

**Sunday, November 21;** 6:30-9:30PM at 88th St.: Get a chance to introduce yourself, mingle, list the people you want to date and let the "Date Bait" facilitators and their computers tally up your match (participants who list each other) and then it's time to make your dates. When and Where: **Sunday, November 21** from 6:30-9:30PM at 88th St. TO REGISTER: Go on-line to [www.BJ.org](http://www.BJ.org) or register with a credit card by calling Michael at x260. Checks can be sent to the BJ office marked "Singles Date Bait-11/21," but you must confirm check was received with Michael to be registered. COST: \$20/members; \$30/non-members; \$40 at the door if space is available. DEADLINE: **November 15**, 2004. For more information, call Date Bait at 212-971-1084 or Michael at x260.

### YOUTH & FAMILY EDUCATION

#### • BJ Teens Email List

We would like to be able to get you the most updated information about programming for teens. If you would like to be on the **BJ Teen email list** or the **BJ Parents of Teens email list**, please contact Kerrith Solomon at x253 or [ksolomon@bj.org](mailto:ksolomon@bj.org)

#### • Geshet: Informal Learning Program for 8th through 12th Graders

We meet every Tuesday afternoon from 5-7PM in the Conference Room of BJ's Offices, (2109 Broadway Suite 203). Educator Leah Zimmerman will teach the group, and will incorporate her background in drama and the arts into her teaching. We will be meeting next week on **Tuesday, November 2**. Please contact Kerrith Solomon x253 or [ksolomon@bj.org](mailto:ksolomon@bj.org) with any questions or to request registration materials.

### SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

#### • Drumming for Peace - A Benefit to Aid the People of Sudan

**Sunday, November 21**, 8-11PM at the Miller Theater, Columbia University, 2960 Broadway at 116th Street: Healing Hand Percussion Circle for Sudan Admission: \$25 minimum donation/\$10 for Students with ID. Performances by African, Latino, Middle Eastern and Indian percussionists including: Vernon Reid, Fatima, Gary Fritz, Eddie Hall, Kevin Nathaniel, Basya Schechter (Pharaoh's Daughter), and The Browning School African Drumming Group. (list still in formation) Audience Participation - bring hand drums & percussion instruments.

Evening includes special guest speakers & a short film (introduced by Emily Fries of SAVE THE CHILDREN). Admission supports the work of SAVE THE CHILDREN and ICNA in Sudan. Healing Hand Percussion Circle for Sudan sponsors include: Save Darfur Coalition, Vernon Reid of LIVING COLOUR, Jews Against Genocide, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, Riverside Church, Blessed Sacrament Church, West End Synagogue, CICR Columbia Univ., Women in Islam and the Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew. For info: [interfaitharts@aol.com](mailto:interfaitharts@aol.com)

#### • WANTED: People who love to knit and crochet, for the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program Holiday Packages

Last winter we distributed 150 holiday gift packages for our lunch program guests. Each package included a warm hat, scarf, or gloves, many of them hand-made and contributed by BJ members and friends. We want to do even better this year! That's where we need your help. If you like to knit or crochet, we hope you'll make hats and scarves for our holiday packages. It's a great opportunity to use up your left over yarn and do a most appreciated mitzvah. Get started now! For more information, please contact Susan Samuels at [ssamuels@aol.com](mailto:ssamuels@aol.com) or x338. Finished items should be brought to the BJ Office at 2109 Broadway: c/o Judith Bernstein Lunch Program.

### HAVUROT

#### • Gay Men's Havurah

**Monday, November 1** at the home of Joe Antenson, 444 East 84th Street, Apt. 7E. Light kosher fare served. We have had 3 lively and moving meetings. At this meeting we will share our experience of being "Gay and Jewish." It should prove to be an interesting topic. Expected attendance 10-12. We are looking to increase our membership. All ages welcome, membership in BJ required. Please contact Jonathan Baron for more information at (212) 663 - 6702 or email: [jonathan@jonathanbaron.com](mailto:jonathan@jonathanbaron.com); RSVP required.

#### • Downtown Havurah

**Thursday, November 4**, at the home of Susan and Stephen Olderman, at 7PM: Rabbi Felicia Sol will be joining us for a kick-off meeting. For location and to RSVP, please contact Susan at [susanolderman@yahoo.com](mailto:susanolderman@yahoo.com) or (212) 979-5853.

#### • Health Care Professional Havurah

**Saturday, November 13**, 2PM: New healthcare professionals havurot forming. Upper West Side location, pot lunch, RSVP to: Sharon Parker, LCSW (212) 875-8508.

#### • Havurah forming for those who converted to Judaism

Join us, **November 16**, 7PM at the home of Rabbi Felicia Sol to create a dialogue of shared experience and get to know one another. Please call or email Marian Sabat at [jazsab@netscape.com](mailto:jazsab@netscape.com) (212)724-5653 to RSVP.

#### • Eclectic New Havurah forming

Would you like to be a part of a smaller group of diverse groups of BJ members to study and celebrate Shabbat and holidays, as well as feel more connected to the community? This new havurah is open to BJ members and will be gathering for an initial meeting and 2nd night of candlelight for Hanukkah on **December 8** at 7PM. Please RSVP to Felicia at [fsol@bj.org](mailto:fsol@bj.org) for the location.

Information on Havurot can be found on the BJ website:  
[www.bj.org](http://www.bj.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. 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.

• The Shabbat service percussionist, **Tomer Tzur's** The Sway Machinery will perform at Zebulon on Thursday, November 4 at 10PM. 258 Wythe Ave. Williamsburg, For info call (718) 218-6939 or [www.SwayMachinery.com](http://www.SwayMachinery.com)

*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 Kliel Rose, x264.*

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Kol Jeshurun Layout and Editing: Miya Rotstein**

**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](mailto:blasky@bj.org).

• **A Note from the Ushers:** For those at the Friday night service at 88th St., please bring your books to the back 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.

**FOCUS ON ISRAEL**

*The "Focus on Israel" column will present speaker profiles, information about our Israeli partnerships, texts and commentary on Israel, book reviews, and discussions of education, spirituality, and social justice in Israel.*

Jerusalem Light - Joanne Palmer

The light in Israel isn't like the light in New York. It's not that the light here isn't beautiful. It is. We've just moved from the butterscotch light of late summer to the apple-plaid of fall; the clear, pale, almost-blue skim-milk light of winter is next. I look at it all with open-mouthed wonder. But the light in Israel is different. The light in Israel is pure light, essence of light; it is a light in which it is impossible not to see everything - every person, every color, every shape; also every crack, every fissure, every flaw. It is not harsh, but it is merciless. It is perhaps in response to that light that people often swathe themselves. Ultra-Orthodox Jews, of course, wrap themselves in the layers of dark wool that protected them against Polish winters but make them drip and melt in Jerusalem's heat. Catholics, Greek Orthodox, Muslims, all drape and swathe and veil in different ways, expressing a modesty all the more necessary when sunlight travels through clothing like x-rays through flesh. Even Israeli hippies wrap themselves up in layer after layer of cloth, even though their layers come with beads and fringes and are shot through with glitter. Perhaps some of the tensions in Jerusalem come from the clarity of the light, the overwhelming desire to live up to it, and the impossibility of ever approaching its lucid perfection.

In memory of Shira Palmer-Sherman z'l.

Joanne Palmer, who is married to Andy Sherman and the mother of Miriam Palmer-Sherman, is managing editor of the Jewish Standard in Teaneck.

**D'VAR TEFILLAH - Kabbalat Shabbat**

The second Psalm we recite on Kabbalat Shabbat or Friday night is Psalm 96. It begins :

*"Shiru L'Adonai Shir Chadash Shiru L'Adonai Kol Ha'Aretz"  
"Sing out to Adonai a new song! Sing out to Adonai all the earth!"*

The interesting thing about this psalm is that it makes no reference to Jews or to any specific group of people. It appears to be quite universalistic in its message. God can be considered great by every one and everyone of us, regardless of our religious affiliation, has the God-given right to access God when we so desire. If God is truly the Supreme Judge, then we as loyal worshippers all have the responsibility to enact justice in God's world.

-Rabbi Kliel Rose

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