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EKEV

TORAH: ANNUAL Deuteronomy 7:12 - 11:25
TRIENNIAL Deuteronomy 7:12 - 9:3
HAFTARAH Isaiah 49:14 - 51:3

NEXT WEEK: RE'EH
 MEVAREKHIM HA'HODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Deuteronomy 11:26 - 16:17
TRIENNIAL Deuteronomy 11:26 - 12:28
HAFTARAH Isaiah 54:11 - 55:5

**YASHER KOAH TO HEALTH CARE AND
 ECONOMIC HARDSHIP HEVRA**

On Wednesday, August 17, City Council passed the NYC Health Care Security Act (Intro 468A), a precedent-setting bill that will preserve and expand employer-provided health insurance for thousands of grocery workers and their families.

BJ played an important role in this success. At our April 7th Forum, we urged City Council Speaker Gifford Miller to bring the HCSA to the floor for a vote. With the 88th street shul packed, Speaker Miller agreed, for the first time, to support the bill "in fact and in principle."

As a progressive religious voice, we helped remind our city's decision-makers of the moral dimensions to health care issues. Last week, when Speaker Miller introduced the bill, he stressed that health care is a "moral issue." Also to our credit, Councilperson Gail Brewer cited the huge turnout at BJ's April 7th Forum as she cast her vote in favor of the bill. HCSA passed 46-1, which means that should Mayor Bloomberg veto the legislation the Council will have enough votes to override.

We are especially proud of the fact that the Jobs With Justice coalition was able to pass this bill in less than a year.

For more information, please visit
<http://nyhealthcaresecurity.org/press.html>.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

Shabbat Service 9:30 AM – 88th St.
Children's Service 10:45 AM – 88th St.

Naming Sofia Rae Priven

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th St.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

WEEKLY DIVREI TORAH 5766

You have an opportunity to be one of 54 teachers of Torah in our community this year! Throughout the year, a weekly D'var Torah on the parashat hashavu'a is disseminated to our community. With the new year just around the corner, there are still many openings for BJ members to be teachers of Torah. If you are a BJ member and would be interested in writing a D'var Torah, please call or email Helen at x233 or HRadin@bj.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAHM

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

- Dorothy Prosky, Jill J. Prosky and Jim Posner on the death in France of Dorothy's beloved son and Jill's beloved brother, Paul J. Prosky.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Nina, Ari, Aaron, and Mariel Priven, Lawrence Drath and Audrey Sieger, Raquel Priven, Bonnie and Carl Seligson, Eric Drath, Hector and Gabriel Priven and Valerie Crane on the naming of their daughter, sister, granddaughter, niece and cousin, Sofia Rae Priven

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Student Rabbis David J. Mitchell, Eli Freedman, Debbie Young and students from the Teenage Educational Excursion Group, Finchley Reform Synagogue, London, UK

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Bereshit Membership - An Introduction to the BJ Community!

The Bereshit Membership is a special opportunity available to individuals or families requesting membership for Rosh Hashanah and/or Yom Kippur who are not already members of the BJ community. It is intended for those who are looking to gain more information about B'nai Jeshurun before making the commitment to begin a full membership. Bereshit Memberships begin with Selihot and continue through Simhat Torah. For info, please contact Belinda Lasky, Director of Membership at x224 or blasky@bj.org

• BJ Goes to Israel!

We are thrilled to announce that due to an overwhelming response from the BJ community, our Israel trip has reached capacity of 180 participants! We may have room for a few more families with children and/or teens, but general registration for the trip is now closed. We expect to have a waitlist; if interested, please contact Andrea x327.

• Volunteer Needed to Work in the BJ Office with Data Input

Help make BJ's Israel trip run smoothly and organize Part II of the registration process. A volunteer with good computer skills, particularly with Excel, is needed for approximately three afternoons during the next four or five weeks in the BJ Office. If you think you can help, please contact Carol at x255.

• Women's Rosh Hodesh Group

Monday, September 5, 7PM at 88th St: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol to welcome the new month of Elul, on this holiday traditionally associated with women. Registration not required. You are asked to bring a packaged, Kosher food item.

• Tze'irim: Update for BJ's 20 and 30-Something Singles and Couples

Want to connect with other young BJ members? Get involved, meet your peers, and create a vibrant Shabbat community through Tze'irim, the connecting place for BJ's 20 and 30-somethings. Some upcoming events:

- **Visioning Meeting**, Wednesday *September 14*, 7PM, RSVP to x264 or kmizrahi@bj.org

- **Tze'irim Share Shabbat**, Friday *September 16*, hosts needed for in-home pot luck dinners with a 20 and 30 something focus. Sign up at www.bj.org under "Share Shabbat."

• "Share Shabbat:" BJ's Community Shabbat-At-Home Dinners

Friday, September 16: Join us as we once again open our homes and our hearts to share the blessings of Shabbat and the beauty of community. Be a host or a guest. To sign up and participate, you must be a member of BJ. Go to "Share Shabbat" at www.bj.org and follow directions. The host form is currently on the website; the guest form will follow in two weeks. For further information, contact Carol X255 or at cdikman@bj.org.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• Volunteer Now to Help the Homeless

BJ/SPSA Shelter Opens Sunday Nights! We are excited to announce that starting September 18, the Shelter will host guests on Sundays! We need enthusiastic volunteers to step forward and contribute to the success of this exciting initiative. Set-up, sleepover, or donate a

meal; it's not hard, we'll even train you! Training session scheduled for Wednesday September 14, 5:30 – 7:30PM in the Chapel at 86th Street. For info or to register for the training, please email Robert Imershein, Shelter Co-chair at rimershein@capstarny.com or call (212) 339-4250.

• Join the BJ Revolutionaries for Hazon's 5th Annual New York

Labor Day Weekend, Sept 2-5: The NY Jewish Environmental Bike Ride is a four-day event that includes a Shabbat retreat at Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center and a two-day Ride. Go to www.hazon.org for more information and registration. Or contact BJ team captains, Heidi Sadowsky (hsadowsky@nyc.rr.com, 212-744-3470) or Marie Peterson (mariejacqueline@optonline.net, 201-801-0077).

• Volunteers Needed for the BJ Lunch Program!

BJ's lunch program feeds 200 guests each week. We need *YOUR* help to continue our efforts. On Wednesday evenings, we need people to help prepare food at 88 St. from 5:30-7:30PM. No cooking experience needed! We also need 1 person to bring bread donated from a nearby location to the synagogue (no car necessary) on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:50PM. To find out more about these volunteer opportunities, contact sssamuels@aol.com

SINGLES

• Yankees Game

Thursday, September 22, 7:05PM: Take me out to the Ball Game...Yankees vs the Baltimore Orioles. Don't miss a great game and a great opportunity to meet great people on a warm summer night enjoying our favorite past-time. Go to www.bj.org for more info!

HIGH HOLY DAYS

• BJ Community Yom Kippur Break-Fast

Join us on **Thursday, October 13** following Yom Kippur Services at 88th St. (Frankel Hall) for a Community Break-fast. TO REGISTER: Go on-line to www.BJ.org. Checks can be sent to the BJ office marked "Community Break-fast - 10/13," but you must confirm check was received with Michael x260 to be registered. COST \$20/members; \$30/non-members; \$40 at the door if space is available. DEADLINE: October 6, 2005.

• High Holy Day Flower Fund

Help enhance the beauty and atmosphere of our High Holy Day services is by making a donation to the Flower Fund in honor of, or in memory of a loved one. Call Naomi at x228 or ndovdavy@bj.org

• Ushers Needed for High Holy Days

SPSA (86th Street) & Symphony Space (95th Street): We are greatly in need of volunteer ushers for all shifts at 86th St. and at Symphony Space for Yom Kippur. This is a wonderful way to contribute to your BJ community during this special time of year. The shifts are short but make the opportunity for prayer safe and comfortable. Please mail or fax in the forms sent to your homes indicating your desired shifts. Contact Carol at cdikman@bj.org or x255 for info.