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September 23 - 30, 2005

19 - 26 Elul, 5765

KI TAVO

TORAH: ANNUAL Deuteronomy 26:1 - 29:8
TRIENNIAL Deuteronomy 26:1 - 27:10
HAFTARAH Isaiah 60:1 - 22

NEXT WEEK: NITZAVIM

TORAH: ANNUAL Deuteronomy 29:9 - 30:20
TRIENNIAL Deuteronomy 29:9 - 30:20
HAFTARAH Isaiah 61:10 - 63:9

PARTICIPATE IN A HOUSE MEETING THIS NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Panim el Panim, BJ's Community Organizing and Advocacy Initiative, is launching a House Meeting Campaign, a series of intimate gatherings in the homes of our congregants. These meetings are an essential part of BJ's commitment to being a holy community — a *kehillah kedoshah*, dedicated to making a difference in our own neighborhood and in the world.

- Discover or rediscover your passion for social justice.
- Meet new people.
- Explore inspiring Jewish texts.
- Become part of this vibrant and growing initiative.

Reserve your spot today! Please choose 3 of the following dates in order of preference.

To register, please e-mail Laura Horwitz, Social Action/Social Justice Organizer, at lhorwitz@bj.org with your choices.

1. Tues. Nov. 1, 6:00 PM, East 69th St.
2. Wed. Nov. 2, 5:00 PM, BJ Office—**FOR TEENS ONLY**
3. Thurs. Nov. 3, 7:00 PM, West 72nd St.
4. Wed. Nov. 9, 7:00 PM, CPW and 81st St.
5. Thurs. Nov. 10, 7:00 PM, East 63rd St.
6. Mon. Nov. 14, 7:00 PM, Park Avenue and 91st St.
7. Tues. Nov. 15, 7:00 PM, Riverside Drive and 73rd St.
8. Wed. Nov. 16, 7:00 PM, Westchester
9. Thurs. Nov. 17, 7:00 PM, Riverside Drive and 76th St.
10. Mon. Nov. 21, 7:00 PM, Riverside Drive and 101st St.
11. Mon. Nov. 28, 7:00 PM, West End Ave. and 94th St.
12. Tues. Nov. 29, 7:00 PM, West 76th St.
13. Wed. Nov. 30, 7:00 PM, West 96th St.
14. Thurs. Dec. 1, 7:00 PM, West 82nd St.
15. Wed. Dec. 7, 7:00 PM, West 92nd St.—
FOR NEW MEMBERS
16. Thurs. Dec. 8, 7:00 PM, Riverside Drive and 77th St.
17. Tues. Dec. 13, 7:00 PM, CPW and 92nd St.

..... **SIGN UP TODAY!**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th St.
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th St.
BJHS Vav Family Dinner Following services – 88th St.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Shabbat Service 9:30 AM – 86th St.
Children's Service 10:45 AM – 86th St.

Bat Mitzvah Alva Stux

Selihot Program and Service 9:45 PM – 88th St. (see p.2)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Race For the Cure BJ Team Prayer Service 8:00 AM – 88th St.
Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.
AJWS Teen Trip Info Session 2:00 PM – 88th St. (see p. 3)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th St.
Limud: Preparing for High Holy Days with our Rabbis 7:00 PM – 88th St. (see p. 2)
Family Life Town Hall Meeting 7:00 PM – BJ Office (see p. 3)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

HIGH HOLY DAY ENTRANCE CARDS

In order to ensure that you receive your High Holy Day entrance cards before Rosh Hashanah, please pick up your cards at the B'nai Jeshurun office by Friday, September 30th. We are no longer mailing them. **Please note that we will not be issuing Youth entrance cards this year. Children ages 12-18 may attend services with their parents.** Seating is still available at Symphony Space and 86th Street. Please contact Belinda Lasky, Director of Membership x224, for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAH'EM

- *The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of its beloved member Hettie Frank and extends deepest condolences to her husband, Dr. Frederick Kahn and their son, Nicholas Kahn.*

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

- Carol Keller, Gerald Lebovits, Natalie Lebovits, Kenneth Lebovits, Ronald Keller, and Florence Keller on the death of their beloved uncle, great-uncle, and brother-in-law, Herbert Keller.
- Kenneth Levin on the death of his beloved grandmother Naomi Cohen.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

HIGH HOLY DAYS

• Ancient Wake Up Call!

Every morning throughout the month of Elul, Jewish communities around the globe will be blowing the shofar in anticipation of the coming High Holy Days. Join us at BJ's daily morning minyan to participate in this ancient tradition.

• Limud: PREPARING FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

Join our rabbis in this class on preparing for the High Holy Days. **Elul Wednesdays (September 7, 14, 21, 28)**, 7-8:30PM at 88th Street Sanctuary. Cost: Free; Registration required. Register online or call x221.

• Selihot

Saturday September 24, 9:45PM at 88th St.: Join us for an evening of music in preparation for Selihot when Galeet Dardashti will sample and teach liturgical poems of the Yamim Nora'im as rendered in various Sephardic traditions. Galeet Dardashti is an accomplished singer, anthropologist, and hazzan, as well as the founder and leader of the all-female Mizrahi/Sephardi ensemble Divahn. She is completing her Ph.D. in anthropology on contemporary Mizrahi and Arab music in Israel. Following a tradition of Jewish Iranian singers and hazzanim in her family, Galeet currently serves as the part-time hazzan at Shomrei Emunah in Montclair, NJ. A coffee hour will follow and the Selihot service will begin at midnight.

• DOROT's Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery

Sunday September 25, 10AM-12PM at DOROT (171 W. 85th St.): Share the joy and warmth of Rosh Hashanah with an elder in a meaningful way, by delivering a package of holiday foods and visiting for about an hour. For info and to volunteer call (212) 769-2850 or www.dorotusa.org

• Yamim Nora'im Se'udah Meal Match

Hosts Needed: The mitzvah of Hakhnasat Orhim is one of the greatest gifts we can give to one another. Please consider inviting a fellow BJ member to join you at your table during the High Holy Days. If you can provide space for someone to share a holiday meal with you,

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Alva and Stefan Stux in honor of Alva becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Jacqueline Ostacher and her family on the arrival of her daughter, Sarah Elizabeth.
- Barbara Pleshko and Mel Berger on their recent engagement.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Professor Bettina Hofmann and students, Bergisher Universität, Wuppertal, Germany.

please fill out the attached form or contact Carol at x255 or cdikman@bj.org

• 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 online 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 by making a donation to the Flower Fund in honor of, or in memory of a loved one. Call Naomi at x228 or ndovdavan@bj.org

• Ushers Needed for High Holy Days at SPSA and Symphony Space

We are greatly in need of volunteer ushers for all shifts at SPSA (86th St.) and at Symphony Space (95th St.) for Yom Kippur. It has been a long-standing tradition at BJ for members to participate in ushering over the Yamim Nora'im and we need your help. You may now sign up online at www.bj.org or mail or fax in the form that was sent to your home. For info, contact Carol at x255 or cdikman@bj.org

• Interfaith Yom Kippur-Ramadan Break-Fast

Thursday, October 13 in the SPSA Chapel and Parlor Room, following Yom Kippur services: Join BJ and our Muslim friends as we break our fasts together with a dinner prepared by SPSA volunteers. Cost: Free. Advance registration required by October 6. To sign up, contact Jenny Golub at jlgolub@earthlink.net or call the Interfaith Committee voice mail at ext. 379.

• High Holy Day Services

For non-members who attend B'nai Jeshurun, we encourage you to visit our website for a list of congregations that offer free or low-cost High Holy Day Services.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SELIHOT

Sat. 9/24

Kabbalat Selihot, 88th St. Sanctuary9:45PM
Coffee Hour11:15PM
ServiceMidnight

ROSH HASHANAH

Mon. 10/3

1st Evening Service, only at 86th & 88th Sts.6:30PM

Tues. 10/4

1st Morning Service, only at 86th & 88th Sts.9AM
Family Services, Symphony Space10:30AM
Children's Service, 86th St. Chapel/Parlor, 88th St. Frankel10:30AM
Tashlikh Teaching, 88th St.4PM
2nd Evening Service, only at 88th St.7:15PM

Wed. 10/5

2nd Morning Service, only at 86th & 88th Sts.9AM
Children's Service, 86th St. Chapel/Parlor, 88th St. Frankel ...10:30AM

YOM KIPPUR

Wed. 10/12

Kol Nidre Evening Service, 88th, 86th, Symphony Space5:45PM

Thurs. 10/13

Morning Service, 88th, 86th, Symphony Space9AM
Family Services, Lincoln Center10:30AM
Children's Service, 86th St. Chapel/Parlor, 88th St. Frankel,
Symphony Space Thalia10:30AM
Afternoon Service, 88th, 86th, Symphony Space4:15PM
Children's Ne'ilah, 86th Chapel/Parlor, 88th St. Frankel,
Symphony Space6:30PM
Teki'at Shofar & Havdalah6:59PM

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• Join BJ Reads

Do you love to read? Do you love children? Join us at BJ Reads and help a child discover the joy of reading. BJ Reads is a program in partnership with PS 166 on W. 89 St., co-chaired by Ellen Schecter and Judy Gitenstein. Come read one-on-one for an hour with a first- or second-grader on Monday or Wednesday mornings throughout the school year. Help reading skills blossom and create a strong bond as you and your partner enjoy books together. For more information or to sign up, contact bjreads@mac.com or x391.

• Tutor with the Children's Action Hevra

There are still students seeking adult reading partners at the Ralph Bunche School. Tutors work one-on-one with students on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays, from 9:00-9:45 AM and/or from 9:45-10:30 AM. To become a tutor, call the Children's Action Hevra at extension 301 or email rjoseph@aaahawk.com.

• Support BJ's Race for the Cure Team

Race for the Cure is a 5K run/walk that brings awareness to the prevalence and prevention of breast cancer. All contributions can be made online at www.komennyc.org. This year's race is scheduled for **Sunday, September 25**. We begin with a prayer breakfast at 8AM at 88 St.

SINGLES

• Singles' Sukkot Havdalah & Dinner

Saturday, October 22: Join the BJ Singles for SUKKOT!—Havdalah & Dinner, when M.T.M. Rabbinic Fellow, Katie Mizrahi will lead Havdalah in the Sukkah at 6:45PM (meet at the 86th St. Sukkah) followed by Dinner at 88th St. To register, please go online to www.bj.org. Checks can be sent to the BJ office marked "Singles' Sukkah Dinner-10/22", but you must confirm check was received with Michael x260 to be registered. COST: 30; DEADLINE: October 10.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• Teens Volunteer in El Salvador

Sunday, September 25, 2PM at 88th St.: Please join us for an information session about the American Jewish World Service/B'nai Jeshurun trip for 10th-12th graders to El Salvador this coming February 19-26. Please contact Kerrith at x253 with any questions or for more information.

• Family Life Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 7PM at the BJ Office: Please come share your thoughts on Children's Services and other Family Life Programs for the 2005-2006 year. Please contact Kerrith at x253 with any questions or for more information.

• Miriam L. Siroky Fund for Family Education

In honor of Miriam Siroky's tenth Yartzeit, BJ would like to highlight the many programs sponsored by the Miriam L. Siroky Fund for Family education. We encourage others to consider this fund when making donations to BJ. The fund has supported:

- Family sing alongs for Hanukkah, Tu B'shevat and Yom Ha'atazmaut from 2001-2004
- Children's Siddur publication
- Passover CD and songbook
- Israeli Children's Art Exhibit
- Upcoming Yom Ha'atzmaut program for 2006
- Upcoming Israel education series for 2005/2006

SHABBAT B'YAHAD

• Save The Date: November 18-19

Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller will be with us at a Shabbat B'Yahad dinner on Friday, November 18. He will deliver the D'var at services on

Shabbat morning, November 19 and teach a text study at 4:30PM that afternoon at SPSA's Social Hall on 86th Street. We look forward to a most inspiring weekend.

BJ COMMUNITY

• Yossi Beilin at B'nai Jeshurun

Sunday, October 23, 7:30PM at 88th St.: Chairman of the Meretz-Yahad political party and former member of the Israeli Knesset, Dr. Yossi Beilin will be speaking at B'nai Jeshurun. The event is free and open to the public. Doors open at 7PM. A special reception with Dr. Beilin will be held in Frankel Hall at 5:30pm. There will be a \$50 donation for this event. Please RSVP to nyc@btvshalom.org or call 212 366 1670. Both events are being co-sponsored by Brit Tzedek v'Shalom and Congregation B'nai Jeshurun.

• Apartment Needed for One Week for Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller

We will have the pleasure of welcoming Rabbi Chaim to BJ as Teacher In Residence on the Shabbat of November 18 & 19. Rabbi Chaim and his wife are planning to spend the following week in New York, and we're looking for anyone who might be going away for that week (it's Thanksgiving) to be willing to allow the rabbi and his wife to stay in your apartment. Please contact Helen Radin at x233 or hradin@bj.org

• *The Optimists*, a film by Jacky and Lisa Comforty, tells the story of 50,000 Bulgarian Jews who were saved from the Holocaust despite the intense efforts of their government to deport them. First Prize, Jerusalem Film Festival. Begins October 21 at Quad Cinemas, 13th St.

180TH ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY TORAH PROJECT Darkhei No'am • Ways of Pleasantness

Witness a new beginning at B'nai Jeshurun—the creation of a Sefer Torah. In celebration of our 180th Anniversary, BJ is proud to announce our Community Torah Project: Darkhei No'am—Ways of Pleasantness, a year-long celebration during which every member of our congregation will be invited to learn about the process and have the opportunity to participate in the creation of our new Torah.

Join us for the first event,
"Bereshit: In the Beginning"
Sunday, November 13, 2005 • 3-5PM
B'nai Jeshurun Sanctuary
257 West 88th Street

As a community, we will witness a quill being dipped into the ink and-- in a tradition unchanged for 3,000 years--the first letters of the Torah being carefully written on the parchment by Sofer (scribe) Rabbi Shmuel Miller. Our Bereshit event will feature beautiful music, dancing, food and include a special family program in Frankel Hall as part of overall afternoon event. RSVP: Kindly let us know that you will attend by Friday, November 4. Send an email to torahproject@bj.org or phone the Community Torah Project Hotline, at (212) 787-7600, x392.

New Members Looking for Sublet

B'nai Jeshurun welcomes new members from New Orleans, who have recently been affected by Hurricane Katrina and are staying in New York with their daughters. The couple and their dog are looking for a short-term sublet. We ask the BJ community to help us locate an apartment in New York City until they can find more permanent housing. If you have any leads, please contact Latricia Friend in the rabbinic office at x234.

MASA'EINU—OUR JOURNEY

As BJ turns 180, each week the Kol Jeshurun will feature an anecdote about our history. We're calling this masa'einu.

Much of the information is gleaned from A Century of Judaism in New York by Rabbi Israel Goldstein, who served this congregation for many years in the last century.

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...The first Hazan of the Congregation, Phineas A. Hart, served gratuitously at first. In 1829, he received a salary of \$200, which was increased in subsequent years. The office of Shamas received remuneration of \$100 and ten loads of wood per annum.

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 Radin at x233 or hradin@bj.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 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.

BJ RESPONDS TO HURRICANE KATRINA

Health Care Volunteers Needed to Help in Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

The Department of Health and Human Services has established a website <https://volunteer.hhs.gov> and toll-free number 1-866-KAT MEDI to help identify health care professionals and relief personnel to assist in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. This website and toll free number are important tools to becoming part of this network of goodness that is taking place in the Gulf region. People interested in helping out are encouraged to visit the website and register to volunteer for appointment by HHS. For further information, visit www.bj.org

Our prayers go out to the victims and families of Hurricane Katrina living in the devastated areas of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Western Florida. To make contributions, contact:

- **The United Jewish Communities**, PO Box 30, Old Chelsea Station, NY 10113 or online at www.ujc.org
- **UJA-Federation of New York**, 130 E. 59th St. Room 1145, NY 10022 or online at www.ujafedny.org
- **American Red Cross** online at www.redcross.org

FOCUS ON ISRAEL

Dahlia Ravikovitch, z"l

This past month Israel lost one of her most beloved and talented poets, Dahlia Ravikovitch. Dahlia's voice brought a sense of holiness into the seemingly secular Hebrew literary culture in which she thrived. Her works are known for their raw psychological honesty and feminine-oriented imagery. I still remember my delight in the musicality and drama of her poetry when I was first introduced to it ten years ago as a beginning Hebrew student. Here is one of her poems that has stayed with me ever since. May Dahlia's memory and passion be a blessing.

—Andrea Siegel, BJ's Israel Trip Coordinator

Delight

Then I knew a delight beyond delight.
And that was the Sabbath day
When all the branches reached up to the light--

The light streaming like a river in the air--
And the wheel of the sun excited the wheel of the eye.
Then I knew a delight beyond delight.

The treetops blazed, the light could not have its fill,
Spilled in the river, it set the waves on fire,
It wanted to swallow my head like a golden fruit.

Water lilies opened their mouths to swallow
The river in its hurry, the long weeds floating by,
And that very day was the Sabbath day
When all the branches reached up in their desire.
Then I knew a delight beyond delight.

—Dahlia Ravikovitch (1961)
Trans. Chana Bloch

PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY FOR FLYERS AND MORE INFO ON:

- Welcome(to BJ) • Membership at BJ • Membership Packets • BJ Annual Catalogue • Limud Catalogue • Bikkur Holim • New Havurot Applications