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BERESHIT

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 1:1 - 6:8
TRIENNIAL Genesis 2:4 - 4:26
HAFTARAH Isaiah 42:5 - 42:21

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NEXT WEEK: **NO'AH**

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 6:9 - 11:32
TRIENNIAL Genesis 8:15 - 10:32
HAFTARAH Isaiah 54:1 - 54:10

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

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

Aliyat Hatan VeKallah Shane Leahey and Sarah Lefkowitz
Darone Ruskay and Stephanie Fingerroth
Ira Kustin and Steve Salee

Aliyat Re'im Ahuvim

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Me'ah (note: registration closed) 6:45 PM – 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)
Limud: Introduction to Judaism* 7:00 PM – BJ Office
with Rabbi Katie Mizrahi

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Limud: Gems From Genesis* 8:10 AM – 88th St.
with Rabbi Hillel Friedman
Limud: Shabbat—Eternity Utters a Day* 7:00 PM – 86th St. Chapel
with Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 **ROSH HODESH HESHVAN**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th St.
Lishma 2:00 PM – SEE P.2
Limud: A Pilgrimage to Israel* 6:30 PM – 88th St.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3 **ROSH HODESH HESHVAN**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
BJ Reads Orientation 6:00 PM – 88th St.
Women's Rosh Hodesh Group 7:00 PM – SEE P.2
Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a* 7:00 PM – BJ Office

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

* Please see the the BJ website, www.bj.org, for information and how to register.

SIGN UP TODAY:
PANIM EL PANIM HOUSE MEETINGS
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.

ONLY A FEW SPOTS REMAIN! RSVP as soon as possible! Please choose 3 of the following dates in order of preference. To register, please contact Laura Horwitz, Social Action/Social Justice Organizer, at lhorwitz@bj.org or x366 with your choices.

- **Tuesday, Nov. 1**, 6:00 PM, East 69th St.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 15**, 7:00 PM, Riverside Drive and 73rd St.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 16**, 7:00 PM, Hastings-on-Hudson, Westchester
- **Sunday, Nov. 20**, 7:00 PM, Upper West Side, Location TBD
- **Thursday, Dec. 8**, 7:00 PM, Riverside Drive and 77th St.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 13**, 7:00 PM, CPW and 92nd St.

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BJ BLOOD DRIVE: PIKUAH NEFESH

Wednesday, November 16 from 6:00PM—9:00PM in the BJ Sanctuary, 88th Street:
Pikuaḥ nefesh (save a life) by donating blood at the BJ Blood Drive. By donating blood, one offers the gift of life to as many as three or four people, as the blood is broken down into components. You can schedule a time to donate by emailing co-chairs Trudi Levine and Sharon Messitte at BJBloodnow@yahoo.com, or by calling the BJ Office at 212-787-7500 x373.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAHEM

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

- Margie, Robert, Rachel, Jordana and Julia Imershein on the death of Margie's beloved mother, June Deaner.
- Judith and Carl Felsenfeld on the death of Judith's beloved aunt, Hilda Baker.

MAZAL TOV

- Shane Leahey and Sarah Lefkowitz in honor of their upcoming wedding.

CREATING KEHILLAH

BJ COMMUNITY

- **Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Heshvan**
Thursday, November 3 at 7:00PM at 88th Street Frankel Hall: Please join us to celebrate, study and pray together on this holiday traditionally associated with women. Please bring a snack—fruit, veggies, dip or any packaged product that is marked Kosher—to share with the group.

- **Free Eye Screening Tests**
Thursday, November 17, 9:30AM–12:30PM at the 88th St. Sanctuary: BJ members who do not have medical coverage for eye exams may receive free eye screening from the Kress Vision Center. To sign up, please email Susan Samuels at Ssamuels@aol.com. Spaces are limited.

- **Free Mammograms Available**
The American Cancer Society has offered to provide free mammograms and PAP smears to BJ members who are not covered by medical insurance. If you are interested in this service and are without medical coverage, please contact Susan Samuels at Ssamuels@aol.com.

- **On-the-Road Mitzvah**
When you travel, we encourage you to collect the complimentary trial-sized toiletries provided by your hotel, such as colognes, perfumes, mouthwash, shampoo and conditioner, shower caps, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, and donate them to our Judith Bernstein Lunch Program guests. Please drop off donations at the BJ Office, 2109 Broadway, Suite 203, 9:00AM–5:00PM Mon.–Thurs.

HAVUROT

- **Jewish Multi-cultural Havurah Forming**
An opportunity for Jews of multi-racial and multi-cultural backgrounds to meet each other and celebrate Shabbat and holidays integrating our various heritages. We will discuss how to integrate our various identities, and explore ways to build community for our children and share various resources within the city. The first meeting, a potluck dinner following the 6PM service at 88th St., will take place on **Friday, November 4th**. If you are interested, email lucyslurz@aol.com or call 212-580-2760 and leave your name and phone number.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

- **Lishma**
Wednesday, November 2, 5:00PM in the BJ Office Conference room: Post B'nai Mitzvah students are invited to join Kerrith and their peers for a little learning, a little socializing and a little snack. This week's topic is Judaism and Social Justice: Prayer in Action. Please contact Kerrith at ksolomon@bj.org or x253 with questions.

- **PJ's and Havdalah**
Saturday, November 5 at 5:30PM in the 88th Street Sanctuary: Families with young children are invited to come, in their pajamas, for Shabbat learning which will conclude with a musical Havdalah, juice and cookies. Please contact Kerrith at x253 with any questions.

- Darone Ruskay and Stephanie Fingerroth in honor of their upcoming wedding.
- Ira Kustin and Steve Salee in honor of their upcoming marriage.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- George Kelly and Confirmation Class, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Rabbi Rachel Shere, Youth Director Warren Frankford and Confirmation Class, Adat Shalom Synagogue, Farmington Hills, Michigan.

SHABBAT B'YAHAD

- **Shabbat Weekend of Learning With Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller**
November 18-19: We are pleased to welcome Rabbi Seidler-Feller once again for an exciting weekend of learning. Rabbi Seidler-Feller has been the Director of UCLA Hillel for over 25 years, an instructor in Kabbalah and Talmud at the University of Judaism, and a Fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute for Advanced Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. **Friday, November 18:** Join us for a catered Shabbat dinner, and a teaching on "Searching for God in Judaism," following the 6:00PM service at 88th Street. **Saturday, November 19:** Rabbi Seidler-Feller will offer the d'var Torah at Shabbat services: "Morality and the God of the Akedah." At **4:30PM** he will lead a study "On The Renewal of Zionism After Gaza," followed by Havdalah. Cost for 11/18 dinner: \$30/members; \$40/non-members. TO REGISTER: Register online at www.bj.org or make out your check to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, and in the Memo section please write "SBY 11/18/05." Send checks to the attention of Shakeara Hatchett, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, 2109 Broadway, Suite 203, NY, NY 10023. Deadline: November 11. Add a \$10 per person late fee for reservations received after the deadline (we'll notify you, after we receive your check, if space is available).

LIMUD

- **BJ Begins Hebrew College's Me'ah 2-Year Intensive Adult Jewish Learning Program:** 28 of our congregants will be participating in this exciting study of many aspects of Judaism including the religious, historical, cultural and political movements from the biblical, rabbinic, medieval and modern eras. We hope to be able to continue this in the future, and this is our first step. Yasher koah to our first class!

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 a year-long celebration.

Join us for the first event,
"Bereshit: In the Beginning"

Sunday, November 13, 2005 • 3-5PM
B'nai Jeshurun Sanctuary at 88th Street

Kindly RSVP by Friday, November 4 to torahproject@bj.org, or call 212-787-7600, x392.

TORAH FACT

The Quill: The Torah is written on specially prepared parchment using a kulmus (quill) to write the letters. According to the law of sofrim, a feather quill must come from a kosher bird, usually a goose or a turkey feather. As with the parchment, a natural material is used. The tip of the feather is carefully sharpened to create a special angle for the sofer's handwriting. The better the angle, the nicer the shape of the letters, and the better the script. A sofer (scribe) uses the stem of the kulmus to write and may need as many as two to four quills to write the entire Sefer Torah. A special quill is used only for God's four letter name.
—Lynda Fisher