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**November 4 - 11, 2005**

**2-9 Heshvan, 5766**

**NOAH**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Genesis 6:9 - 11:32  
**TRIENNIAL** Genesis 8:15 - 10:32  
**HAFTARAH** Isaiah 54:1 - 54:10  
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 NEXT WEEK: **LEKH LEKHA**  
**TORAH: ANNUAL** Genesis 12:1 - 17:27  
**TRIENNIAL** Genesis 14:1 - 15:21  
**HAFTARAH** Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16

**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK**  
 This Shabbat, BJ welcomes our partners from the Ralph Bunche School! The Ralph Bunche School Partnership has space for a few more Reading Partners on Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings from 9-10:30AM at the school. Join us and support the important work we are doing together to strengthen education and foster intercommunity understanding. Call x301, or email rjoseph@aaahawk.com

**PANIM EL PANIM HOUSE MEETINGS: SIGN UP TODAY!**  
 Meet new people, explore inspiring Jewish texts, discover or rediscover your passion for social justice, become part of this vibrant and growing initiative.  
 Please choose 3 of the following dates in order of preference:

- **Tuesday, Nov. 15**, 7:00 PM, Riverside Drive and 73rd St.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 16**, 7:00 PM, Hastings-on-Hudson, Westchester
- **Tuesday, Nov. 29**, 7:00 PM, West 76th St.
- **Thursday, Dec. 1**, 7:00 PM, West 82nd St.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 7**, 7:00 PM, West 92nd St.
- **Thursday, Dec. 8**, 7:00 PM, Riverside Drive and 77th St.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 13**, 7:00 PM, CPW and 92nd St.

To register, please contact Laura Horwitz, Social Action/Social Justice Organizer, at lhorwitz@bj.org or x366 with your choices.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

**Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary  
**BJHS Gan Family Dinner** Following 6:00 PM Service – 86th St.  
**Wandering Minyan** 6:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:45 PM – 86th St.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

**Shabbat Services** 9:30 AM – 86th St.  
**Junior Congregation** 10:30 AM – SEE P.3  
**Children's Services** 10:45 AM – 86th St. Parlor and Chapel  
  
**Bat Mitzvah** Brenna Goldstein  
  
**Speaker** Lauvia Sherman  
 Principal, Ralph Bunche School  
  
**PJ's and Havdalah** 5:30 PM – SEE P.3

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

**Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 88th St.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
**Limud: Introduction to Judaism\*** 7:00 PM – BJ Office  
 with Rabbi Katie Mizrahi

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

**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 9**

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
**Kesharim** 2:00 PM – 88th St.  
**Limud: A Pilgrimage to Israel\*** 6:30 PM – SEE P.2  
 with Daphna Golan-Agnon and Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall  
**Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a\*** 7:00 PM – BJ Office

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAMAKOM YENAHEM

- *The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Eric, Rebecca and Sam Hellerman on the death of Eric's beloved aunt, Lanie Bernhart.*

### MAZAL TOV

- To Brenna, Greg, Bess and Brett Goldstein on Brenna becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

- To Marilyn Perez and her husband Jose, on the birth of their daughter, Marleen. Marilyn is BJ's Accounting Analyst.

### TODAH RABBAH

- This week's flowers for the bimah have been sponsored by the Goldstein family in honor of Brenna becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • Holiday Gift Packages

Last winter we distributed over 150 holiday gift packages to 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 (adult sizes only, please). It's a great opportunity to use up your left over yarn and do a most appreciated mitzvah. Get started now! Finished items should be brought to Naomi Dovdavyan at the BJ Office, 2109 Broadway, Suite 203. We are also happy to accept newly purchased items and donations from manufacturers (especially socks!). For more information, please contact Susan Samuels at [ssamuels@aol.com](mailto:ssamuels@aol.com) or call 212-787-7600 x338.

### • 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. The first 35 members to sign up with Susan Samuels will qualify. Please contact Susan Samuels at [Ssamuels@aol.com](mailto:Ssamuels@aol.com)

### • 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](mailto:Ssamuels@aol.com)

### • Synagogues for BJ Travellers

For an ongoing compilation of synagogues and community contacts around the world: if you've visited a synagogue you would recommend to other members, or have any experiences about your visit you would like to share, contact Nora Gaines at [ngaines@bankstreet.edu](mailto:ngaines@bankstreet.edu) or 212-875-4475.

### • Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

**Wednesday, November 23, 7:00PM** at the 88th St. Sanctuary: Please join with our community and other faith communities for the annual Thanksgiving evening service and celebration. We will sing and pray, expressing our gratitude for the blessings we all have and for being together at this special moment.

### LIMUD

#### • A Pilgrimage to Israel

**Wednesday, November 9, 6:30PM** at 88th St.: This week's session will be shared by Rabbi Felicia Sol and visiting guest Daphna Golan-Agnon. Rabbi Felicia Sol will discuss the theme of "Longing and Imagination" in traditional Jewish texts; Daphna Golan-Agnon, co-founder of the Israeli human rights groups B'Tselem and Bat Kol, will consider this theme from a current social justice perspective.

### • Sign up NOW for Limmud NY

**January 13-16, 2006:** Limmud NY is a three-day learning experience that invites Jews of all ages and backgrounds to come together to create a community of learning, teaching, and exchanging ideas. Interact with your community in an entirely new way during Martin Luther King Weekend 2006. Register online at <http://www.limmudny.org/> or call 212-284-6968. Scholarships are available; please inquire.

### 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](http://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).

## JOIN BJ'S TORAH TEACHERS CIRCLE

You have an opportunity to be one of 54 teachers of Torah in our community this year! Throughout 2005-2006, a weekly D'var Torah on the Parashat Hashavu'a is distributed to our community as well as to the outside community both in the KJ and on our website. With the High Holy Days over, think about selecting one or two parashiot that are of particular interest to you. Although many have already been selected by our Torah thinkers, 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](mailto:hradin@bj.org)

**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE**

• **Learn to Prepare Meals for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter**  
**Sunday, November 13, 4:00PM** in the SPSA kitchen at 86th St., and  
**Monday, November 14, 4:00PM** in the BJ kitchen at 88th St.:  
 Become a Food Donor for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. We need individuals or groups to provide meals for 10-12 people once a month. At our coming demonstrations, you'll learn how to plan meals for each site and help prepare a meal for that night's homeless guests. For more information and to RSVP, contact Anne Millman at AnnieMill@aol.com or 917-548-7947.

• **Give Thanks and Get Involved with the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter**  
 Thanksgiving is the perfect time to get acquainted with the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. We need 10-15 volunteers to help with setting up, serving our guests and cleaning up. We also welcome a musician who can play the piano and sing. For details and to volunteer, contact AnnieMill@aol.com

• **BJ Blood Drive**  
**Wednesday, November 16, 5:00PM–8:45PM** at 88th St.: Pikuah Nefesh (save a life) by donating blood at the BJ Blood Drive. By donating blood, one offers the gift of life to 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 BJBloodNov2005@yahoo.com or by calling 212-787-7600 x373.

• **Volunteers Needed for the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program!**  
 The Judith Bernstein Lunch Program feeds over 150 homeless and needy men, women, and children each week. We are looking for volunteers to help in the clean-up and dishwashing on Thursdays from 1:00-2:00PM. To volunteer or to learn more, please contact co-chair Susan Samuels at sssamuels@aol.com or call 212-787-7600 x338.

**HAVUROT**

• **Health Care Professionals Havurah**  
 BJ health care professionals are invited to join us for a potluck lunch on the third Saturday of the month after services. If you would like to attend, please send your name, e-mail, and phone number to bjhealthprofessionalshavurah@yahoo.com for further information.

• **Shabbat Z'mirot Havurah Forming!**  
 What could be more natural for BJ than a havurah that sings? We will meet on Shabbat for a potluck dinner, lunch or Seudah Shlishit followed by time to 1) study the texts of the songs traditionally sung on Shabbat, 2) learn various melodies for each text and 3) create an "oneg Shabbat" by singing together. Participants will share in teaching and learning texts and melodies. Please contact Anne Millman at AnnieMill@aol.com if you are interested in participating.

• **"Extreem Sports, Extreem Kavannah"**  
**Winter Outdoors Havurah beginning:** Are you a BJer who refuses to stay inside this winter? Do you love or have an interest in camping, biking, hiking, sailing, surfing, skate boarding, and ice skating? Be inspired by God's great outdoors; experience it from a spiritual perspective as you share the joy with others from your community. If interested, call Theo Kisch at 212-860-8385.

**YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION**

• **Junior Congregation**  
**Saturday, November 5** at 10:30AM in the 86th Street Social Hall: Join us for an interactive service designed for elementary school-aged children, including the BJ melodies and teachings from our Rabbis. A light kiddush will follow. Parents are welcome, but not required, to attend.

• **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.

**TZE'IRIM**

• **Tze'irim Shabbat Dinner**  
**Friday, November 11:** Please join us for this year's kick-off gathering for BJ's community of 20- and 30-somethings (singles and couples). After the late service at SPSA (86th St.), we will gather and walk together to Felicia's home for a potluck meal, drinks, music, and a chance to meet other great young BJ folk. To sign up, go to [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) and click on the "Tze'irim" link on the left side of the page. For more information, contact Katie at [kmizrachi@bj.org](mailto:kmizrachi@bj.org) or 212-787-7600 x264. To join the Tze'irim 20s/30s email list, please send an email to [bjtzeirim-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:bjtzeirim-subscribe@yahoo.com)

**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 that has developed continuously throughout the past 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 children's art projects as part of the overall afternoon event. RSVP: Please send an email to [torahproject@bj.org](mailto:torahproject@bj.org) or phone the Community Torah Project Hotline at 212-787-7600 x392.

**TORAH FACT**

**The Ink:** The sofer (scribe) prepares ink (dio) for writing the Sefer Torah. It is usually a hand-made blend of gall nuts, copper sulfate crystals, Arabic gum, and water. To ensure that the dio is fresh and retains its deep black quality, only a small amount is prepared at a time. The quality of dio is directly proportional to the longevity of the text written on the parchment and may result in additional 50-100 years of active usage of the Sefer Torah.

For the kulmus (quill), dipped in freshly prepared dio to run smoothly on the parchment, the parchment may be covered either by a special substance (ointment), called mashichah, that makes it surface glittering white, or by a special chalk-based substance (kelach).  
 —Lynda Fisher

**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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...For insulting the Hazan during the reading of the Torah on a Shabbat in 1835, one of the Trustees was suspended from office and reinstated only after he apologized for his conduct.

**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](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 presents information about our Israeli partnerships, texts and commentary on Israel, book reviews, and discussions of education, spirituality, and social justice in Israel.

**AT THIS TIME OF YEAR**  
By Amir Shaviv

Since Yom Kippur of 1973, I find myself every year at this time stormed by an emotional tsunami of sad and depressing memories. As a secular young Israeli, I spent that day on a beach, enjoying the quiet time, until it registered in my mind that I was witnessing armed Israeli Air Force squadrons flying south, one wave after the other. Minutes later, the shocking news hit me: we were at war. I rushed home to Jerusalem, got into uniform and went to my war-assignment as a military correspondent.

The next three weeks were a kaleidoscope of fast-changing scenes. First, I spent three days on board a Navy missile boat, witnessing victorious battles against the Egyptian Navy near Port Said. Then, transferred to the Army, I spent less victorious days in Sinai, witnessing the horrors and helplessness of infantry battles. Sometimes I came under artillery fire. Other times I loitered in MASH stations among medics and injured soldiers, as well as in the General Headquarters of Army Commanders. Bizarre is the lot of war correspondents: they observe, they see it all—yet somehow they remain external to the scenes.

Those were weeks of sobering reality. History was being written in our presence, in fire and sand and blood and steel. We sensed that the future would change dramatically—but we could not guess how. Yet the immediate human price was already clear by the end of Simchat Torah: thousands of dead and injured soldiers. As for me, the soul-wounds of that war healed after a while, but the emotional scars never heal: they send their painful reminder every year at this time. This week too.

Amir Shaviv is an Executive of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Between 1971-1987 he was a news correspondent for Israel Television.

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