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August 11 - 18, 2006

17 - 24 Av, 5766

EKEV

TORAH: ANNUAL Deuteronomy 7:12 - 11:25

TRIENNIAL Deuteronomy 9:4 - 10:11

HAFTARAH Isaiah 49:14 - 51:3

NEXT WEEK: RE'EH

MEVARKHIM HA_HODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Deuteronomy 11:26 - 16:17

TRIENNIAL Deuteronomy 12:29 - 14:29

HAFTARAH Isaiah 54:11 - 55:5

WAR IN ISRAEL AND LEBANON

The ties that bind us to the State of Israel are deep.

Some of us grew up or studied in Israel, others have children living there, siblings who made aliyah, and friends on a year program. They are in the far north, in the far south, and in dozens of communities in between. Beyond that circle of intimacy, we have partners in Israel with whom we have developed deep and meaningful relationships over the years; they have visited us at BJ, they have taught and learned here and stayed as guests in our homes. We have visited them in Israel, learned and celebrated with them, and were guests in their homes. 180 of us spent eight unforgettable days together in Israel this past Hanukkah.

We stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Israel at this difficult time of war. We do not forget that our enemies are not the Lebanese civilians who are suffering in great numbers from the current conflict, and we feel for them as well. We pray that peace will soon envelope Israelis, Lebanese and Palestinians.

Please consider making a contribution to one or more of the worthy organizations listed on our website, www.bj.org.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Shabbat Services 9:30 AM – 88th St.

Children's Services 10:45 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

Repair of Siddurim and Humashim 7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th St.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

Repair of Siddurim and Humashim 7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR CHILDREN IN ISRAEL AND LEBANON

Sunday, August 13, 7:00PM, Shambala Meditation Center, 118 W.22nd St. (between 6th and 7th Aves.), 6th floor: Join BJ musicians Basya Schechter and accordionist Uri Sharlin, plus other performers from around the world, for an evening of music to benefit children caught in the war who are experiencing extreme physical and emotional suffering. All proceeds go to specific projects for children carried out by UNICEF in Lebanon and the International Community Stress Prevention Center (ICSPC) in Israel. Suggested donation: \$20 (unless you request otherwise, donations will be split equally between both organizations). Donors of \$60 or more receive a special musical gift.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

The Environmental Action Hevra Asks: "Have you taken your moral temperature lately?"

Are you upset that America with only 2% of the world's population is causing 24% of the greenhouse gas emissions? Does it bother you that arable land in Africa and Asia has become desert? **Is your moral thermometer rising yet?** We encourage all BJ congregants to see *An Inconvenient Truth*, playing through August at the AMC Loews Lincoln Square 13 Cinema and other locations throughout the city. Find out the truth about global warming and join the Hevra in taking action today! Mark your calendars for a special event in the Sukkah on **Wednesday evening, October 11.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM

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

- Ira and Perry Wolfman, Evan Levine, and Ronda Small on the death of Ira's beloved father, Aaron Wolfman.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Volunteers Needed to Rescue Our S'farim

August 15 and 17, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th St.: The mending of damaged siddurim and humashim will continue through August. To help with this sacred task of tikkun, please contact Lynda Fisher at lynda.fisher@verizon.net or Carol Dikman at cdikman@bj.org or x255.

• Membership Renewal and High Holy Days Information

Our new membership year began on July 1. We encourage members to renew before the High Holy Days and we welcome new people to join the B'nai Jeshurun community. You may choose to attend holiday services at 86th Street (SPSA) or Symphony Space; the BJ Sanctuary at 88th Street is filled. Please fill out the online application at www.bj.org or contact Belinda Lasky, Director of Membership, at x224 for an application. Entrance cards will be mailed throughout August.

• BJ High Holy Days Flower Fund

The High Holy Days are fast approaching. One way to enhance the beauty and atmosphere of our services is by making a donation to the Flower Fund in honor or memory of a loved one. For more information, please contact Naomi at x228.

• Ushering for the Yamim Nora'im 5767

Now is the time for BJ members to sign up to usher during the Yamim Nora'im. Ushering at BJ has always been a special community experience; at least 250 people are needed to insure that prayer at services will be comfortable for all. Please fill out the form that was sent to you in the mail and return it to the BJ office, att. Carol Dikman, indicating which services and times you prefer as well as the location where you will be praying. Look for the form online at www.bj.org

• Join BJ's Torah Teachers Circle

We have some open dates for those who would like to join our Torah Teachers Circle (TTC) for the current year, which will end just before Bereshit (October 21). You can also sign up for the coming year (5767/2006-7). Our Circle consists of BJ members who have chosen to write a d'var Torah on the parasha of the week. Please send a few choices of dates to hadin@bj.org and you will be notified quickly of which selection is available. Your writing should be about 650-700 words, with room at the end for a few lines about yourself. If you need help writing a d'var Torah, please contact our MTM Rabbinic Fellows, Dara Frimmer (x248) or Lauren Holtzblatt (x256).

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• House Party for Darfur

Tuesday, August 15, 6:30PM, member's home: Learn about the current situation in Darfur, and how you can help turn out a huge crowd for The Save Darfur Coalition rally here in New York City on Sunday, September 17. To RSVP, contact amy@epiphanytheater.org or Josie at 917-306-6961.

- Hadley Allen on the death of her beloved mother, Annette Traford Hadley Allen.
- Paul, Michelle, Suzannah, Matthew, and Katie Grobman on the death of Paul's beloved mother, Roslyn Grobman.

• Ride with BJ in Hazon's 6th Annual New York Jewish Environmental Bike Ride

September 1-4, Labor Day Weekend: Join Hazon for a Shabbat Retreat and 2-day, 125-mile ride from the Connecticut Berkshires to Manhattan to help raise money to support environmental advocacy in the US and Israel. The Ride is open to everyone, regardless of religious background or biking experience, interested in making the world a better place, and having a great time doing it! To register: www.hazon.org/nyride or contact Heidi Sadowsky at hsadowsky@gmail.com for more information.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

2006-2007 HEBREW SCHOOL REGISTRATION CLOSES ON AUGUST 15

There is still time to register! Application is available at www.bj.org to submit online or download and print.

• Junior Congregation

Calling all children in second grade and above! Beginning on **September 16**, Junior Congregation will take place on the first and third Saturdays of every month and we want your child to help lead the service. If your child would like to lead or learn to lead any of the prayers, please contact Rebecca Rosenthal at rrosenthal@bj.org or x243. Also keep an eye out for the special Rosh Hashanah Junior Congregation!

BJ BOOK GROUP

• A Tale of Love and Darkness

October 22, 7:00PM, 88th Street: Please join us to discuss *A Tale of Love and Darkness*, the extraordinary memoir of Israeli writer Amos Oz and the first book on our agenda this fall. Next (date and time to come; watch this space) we'll talk about the autobiography of contemporary Israeli author Aharon Appelfeld, *The Story of a Life: A Memoir*.

UPCOMING LIMUD

• Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Elul

Tuesday, August 29 • 7:00PM • 88th St. Frankel Hall • Cost: Free, registration not required
Join Rabbis Felicia Sol, Dara Frimmer and Lauren Holtzblatt in welcoming in the month of Elul. The evening will be dedicated to a review and personal reflection on the past year and spiritual preparation for the new year. Please bring a dairy/vegetarian/kosher snack to share with everyone.

JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN: See updated information about the Morning Minyan at www.bj.org/schedule.php where you can indicate what days you plan to attend and view how many people have signed up for the current week—and see where our need is greatest.

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