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September 15 - 22, 2006

22 - 29 Elul, 5766

**NITZAVIM-VAYELEKH**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Deuteronomy 29:9 - 31:30  
**TRIENNIAL** Deuteronomy 30:1 - 31:6  
**HAFTARAH** Isaiah 61:10 - 63:



**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK**

**SAVE DARFUR NOW: Voices to Stop Genocide**

*Sunday, September 17*, Central Park East Meadow: Join BJ members at this rally, timed to coincide with the opening of the 61st General Assembly of the United Nations. We are demanding that a UN peacekeeping force be deployed in Darfur. **11:30AM-12:30PM:** BJ rabbis and members gather just north of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, near the entrance to the park on East 84th Street, for a bag brunch and text study. **1:00PM:** BJ contingent walks to rally entrance at East 90th Street. **2:00-5:00PM:** Rally begins at East Meadow. Email [darfur@bj.org](mailto:darfur@bj.org) or visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) for more details and volunteer opportunities.

**Green Sukkah Simcha and Environmental Expo**

*Wednesday, October 11*, 6:30PM, Sukkah at SPSA, 86th St. and West End Ave.: What is the environmental legacy we hope to leave our children? If we continue to treat our environment heedlessly, then rising temperatures, seas, cancer rates, more hurricanes, and loss of wild places are what they will inherit. But we have a choice. Please join us to nosh on organic snacks in the sukkah and see some simple things we can all do to protect our planet's environment. *It's all connected, you know!* For more info or to RSVP, email Jenny Eisenberg at [jennyeisenberg@yahoo.com](mailto:jennyeisenberg@yahoo.com) or call x366.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th St.  
 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM – 88th St.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 SELIHOT**

Shabbat Services 9:30 AM – 86th St.  
 Junior Congregation 10:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall  
 Children's Services 10:45 AM – 86th St. Parlor and Chapel

Bar Mitzvah Andrew Sklar  
 Bat Mitzvah Sophie Browner

Kabbalat Selihot 9:45 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)  
 Coffee Hour 11:15 PM – 88th St.  
 Selihot Service Midnight – 88th St.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.  
 Darfur Rally in Central Park 11:30 AM – 5:00 PM (SEE SIDEBAR)  
 Teen AJWS Trip Info Session 12:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 First Day of Hebrew School 4:00 PM – Heschel School  
 Tze'irim Visioning Meeting 7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th St.  
*Limud:* Elul: The Path to Tishrei\* 6:30 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall  
 First Day of Hebrew School, Thurs. students 4:00 PM – Heschel School

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

\* Please see the BJ website, [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org), for more information and how to register.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HA-MAKOM YENAHEM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Michael, Amalia and Gabriel Hirschhorn and Jimena Martinez and their family on the death of Michael's beloved father, David Hirschhorn.

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Andrew, Steven, Amy and Michael Sklar on Andrew becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Sophie, Jesse, and Cora Browner and Judy Clain on Sophie becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Sarah Michelson on her engagement to Seth Guthartz.
- Susan Schwartz on the recent marriage of her daughter Deborah Schwartz to Rich Levy.

## YAMIM NORA'IM 5767

### • Selihot with Guest Speaker Antjie Krog

**Saturday, September 16, 9:45PM, 88th St.:** Join us for an evening with this celebrated South African novelist and poet, who will speak about forgiveness in extraordinary times. Her book *The Country of My Skull*, deals with the Truth and Reconciliation Committee during the years of apartheid. A coffee hour will follow and the Selihot service will begin at midnight.

### • High Holy Day Entrance Cards

We know you want to be ready for the High Holy Days, so now is the time to get your entrance cards! All entrance cards must be picked up at the B'nai Jeshurun office during office hours. Seating is still available at Symphony Space; 86th Street SPSA and 88th Street are filled. In order for us to provide entrance cards for Rosh Hashanah, membership applications must be in our office and date-stamped by **Monday, September 18**. In order for us to provide entrance cards for Yom Kippur, membership applications must be in our office and date-stamped by **Monday, September 25**. Join or renew at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org), or contact Belinda Lasky, Director of Membership, x224, for more information.

### • Bereshit Membership—A Special Introduction to the BJ Community!

If you have considered joining BJ, we invite you to apply for a Bereshit Membership. This special opportunity is available to individuals or families requesting membership for Rosh Hashanah and/or Yom Kippur who are not already members of the BJ community. Bereshit Membership is intended for those seeking more information about BJ before making the commitment to begin a full membership. Bereshit Memberships begin with Selihot and continue through Simchat Torah. For more information, please contact Belinda Lasky, Director of Membership, at [blasky@bj.org](mailto:blasky@bj.org) or x224.

### • Ushering for the Yamim Nora'im

We are still very much in need of volunteer ushers during the High Holy Days at SPSA (86th St.) and Symphony Space (95th St.).

To participate, please complete the ushering form online at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) or contact Carol Dikman at [cdikman@bj.org](mailto:cdikman@bj.org) or x255.

### • BJ High Holy Days Flower Fund

The High Holy Days are fast approaching. One way to enhance the beauty and atmosphere at 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.

### • BJ Community Yom Kippur Break-Fast

**Monday, October 2**, following Yom Kippur Services, 88th St. Frankel Hall: Please join us for a Community Break-Fast. TO REGISTER: sign up online at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) or mail checks marked "Community Break-Fast 10/2" to the BJ office. You must confirm check was received with Charles, [clenchner@bj.org](mailto:clenchner@bj.org) or x240, in order to be registered. COST: \$25/members; \$30/non-members; \$35 after the deadline. DEADLINE: September 25. This event will be co-hosted by Bekef members.

### • Interfaith Ramadan/Yom Kippur Break-Fast

**Monday, October 2:** This event is now filled to capacity. If you have signed up, join us after Yom Kippur services in the Social Hall at SPSA at 86th Street. This gathering does not replace the BJ community break-fast at 88th Street.

### • Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery

**Sunday, September 17, 10:00AM–12:00 noon, Dorot (171 West 85th Street, near Amsterdam Avenue):** Join DOROT to celebrate 30 years of Rosh Hashanah Package Deliveries. Play your part as an individual, with a group or with your family—deliver a traditional holiday meal and visit with a homebound elderly individual for about an hour. To participate, please call Carrie Jacobs at 212-769-2850.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • Assistive Listening Devices for Services at BJ

Assistive listening devices are now available during services at both 88th and 86th Streets! Contact the ushers at the back of the sanctuary—and remember to return the devices when you leave.

### • Save the Date: "The Road From Valencia"

**Thursday, October 19, 7:30PM, 88th Street:** The New York Consort of Viols will perform their widely acclaimed program, "The Road from Valencia." Conceived and directed by BJ member Judith Davidoff (Rosen), the program traces the travels of the earliest documented players of the viol, Sephardic musicians, from their expulsion from Spain in 1492 to northern Italy and later to the court of Henry VIII. Admission: \$10 at the door.

## UPCOMING LIMUD

### • Elul: The Path to Tishrei

Rabbis Dara Frimmer and Lauren Holtzblatt

**3 Wednesdays (remaining class September 20) • 6:30–8:00PM • 88th St. Frankel Hall • Cost: Free, registration required**

Join our Marshall T. Meyer Fellows in this class on preparing for the High Holy Days.

**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE**

• **Help Homeless Voters Register**

*Training Workshop will take place Wednesday, September 20, 7:00–9:00PM. Registration will take place at various midtown drop-in centers before October 13.* The Partnership for the Homeless (PFTH) is leading a non-partisan voter registration and education campaign to ensure that homeless New Yorkers are empowered to participate in the political process. The BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter is organizing a team of congregants to learn how to register homeless individuals in time for the Nov. 7 election. To sign up or for more information, please contact shelter co-chair Jim Melchiorre at jmelchi567@aol.com or x340.

• **Knitters Needed for Holiday Gift Packages!**

Each winter, BJ's Judith Bernstein Lunch Program distributes holiday gift packages to our lunch program guests. Each package includes a warm hat, scarf, or gloves, many of them hand-made by BJ members and friends. 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 leftover yarn and do a most appreciated mitzvah. Get started now! Finished items should be brought to the BJ office. We are also happy to accept NEW clothing and donations from manufacturers (especially socks!). For more information, please contact Susan Samuels at sssamuels@aol.com or x338.

**YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION**

• **Rosh Hashanah Junior Congregation**

*Sunday, September 24 (Second Day of Rosh Hashanah), 10:30AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall:* Calling all children in second grade and above! We want you and your family to participate in the first annual Rosh Hashanah Junior Congregation! This service is modeled after our Shabbat morning Junior Congregation. Note that it will take place in 88th Street and NOT 86th Street like on Shabbat. For more information, contact Rebecca Rosenthal at rrosenthal@bj.org or x243.

• **Info Session for BJ/AJWS Trip to Mexico**

*Sunday, September 17, 12:00PM, 88th Street:* Join Felicia, Dara and Kerrith for an information session about our upcoming BJ/AJWS trip for 10-12th graders March 25 to April 1.

• **Sukkah Decorating Party**

*Wednesday, October 4, 4:00–5:00PM, Sukkah at 86th Street:* Join BJ Families and children of all ages for our annual sukkah decorating party. There will be singing, games, learning, and of course, sukkah decorating. (Rain location: 88th Street Frankel Hall.) Please RSVP so we can let you know where the party will be. To RSVP or for more information, contact Rebecca Rosenthal at rrosenthal@bj.org or x243.

• **Ne'ilah Children's Procession**

*Monday, October 2, 7:00PM:* At the end of Yom Kippur, children are invited to gather, dressed in white, in Frankel Hall at 88th Street, the Parlor Room at 86th Street, and Thalia Theater at Symphony Space for

the Ne'ilah procession. PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILDREN TO GATHER BEFORE 7:00PM, AS THERE WILL BE NO SUPERVISION FOR THEM. Please bring a battery-operated candle (which can be purchased at West Side Judaica, Broadway between 88th and 89th Streets) or flashlight. Please contact Rebecca Rosenthal, rrosenthal@bj.org or x243, with any questions.

**TZE'IRIM: 205/305**

• **Envisioning the Year Ahead for Tze'irim**

*Monday, September 18, 7:00–8:30PM, 88th Street:* Do you have ideas about what you would like to see at BJ for people in their 20s and 30s? Come and shape the plan for the upcoming year. All are welcome. RSVP to Rabbi Dara Frimmer at dfrimmer@bj.org

• **Tze'irim at the Yankees Game**

*Thursday, September 28, 7:05PM:* To RSVP, please visit [www.tzeirim.blogspot.com](http://www.tzeirim.blogspot.com). We will meet at "The Bat" at 6:30PM.

• **Join Tze'irim at SukkahFest 2006**

*Friday–Monday, October 6–9, Elat Chayyim (The Jewish Retreat Center):* Attendance limited to ages 21-39 only! Co-sponsored by B'nai Jeshurun, Hazon, Limmud NY, Basherte, and Kehilat Romemu. Register at [jewishretreatcenter.org/retreats/sukkot2006](http://jewishretreatcenter.org/retreats/sukkot2006). Study with leading Jewish scholars; dine in the Sukkah by the lake; practice yoga and meditation, soak in the hot tub; work on the organic farm; hike the Appalachian Trail and canoe in the Housatonic River. Questions? Talk to Rabbi Dara Frimmer at dfrimmer@bj.org

**BEKEF**

• **Tired of Speed Dating? Try Speed Tasting with Bekef!**

*Wednesday, September 20, 7:00PM:* Bekef invites singles (late 30s through 50s) to a kosher wine tasting, welcoming the new year. Please invite your friends who are not members of BJ! Cost: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Register online at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). Questions? Contact Charles at clenchner@bj.org or x240.

**LEDOR VADOR**

• **Ledor Vador Sukkot Lunch & Learn with MTM Fellow Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt**

*Wednesday, October 11, 11:30AM–1:00PM, BJ Sukkah, 86th Street:* Celebrate Sukkot by joining us for text study in the BJ sukkah at SPSA. It is a mitzvah to eat in the sukkah with new friends. Please bring your own lunch; BJ will provide beverages and dessert. All ages welcome! For more information and to register, call Belinda Lasky at x224.

**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) we'll talk about the autobiography of contemporary Israeli author Aharon Appelfeld, *The Story of a Life: A Memoir*.

• **Housing Needed for MTM Fellow Chen Ben Or Tsfoni and Her Family Coming From Israel**

The Tsfoni family is looking for an extremely reasonably-priced 3- bedroom apartment in or not too far from the Upper West Side (Morningside Heights, Washington Heights, etc.). Please contact Rabbi Sol's assistant Amanda Schanfield at x233 with any leads or connections.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**WELCOME TO B'NAI JESHURUN!** If you are unfamiliar with our community and Shabbat services, see our "Welcome to BJ" brochure at the back of the sanctuary, or ask an usher to be seated next to a congregant familiar with the services.

• **Membership at B'nai Jeshurun:** Are you considering joining BJ? Would you like information on becoming a member? BJ is 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 7:30PM Friday night service, please bring books to the back as you leave. Tallitot and

damaged books may be brought to the back of the sanctuary after Shabbat services. Men are asked to wear kippot during services. Food, photography, and cell phone use is not permitted in the sanctuary. To prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before services begin.

**JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN:** See updated information about the Morning Minyan at [www.bj.org/schedule.php](http://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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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**SELIHOT**

**Saturday, 9/16**

Kabbalat Selihot, 88th St. Sanctuary ..... 9:45PM  
 Coffee Hour ..... 11:15PM  
 Service ..... Midnight

**ROSH HASHANAH**

**Friday, 9/22**

1st Evening Service, 86th St. SPSA, 88th St.\* ..... 6:30PM

**Saturday, 9/23**

1st Day Services, 86th St., 88th St., Symphony Space\* ..... 9:00AM  
 Children's Services, 86th St. Chapel/Parlor, 88th St. Frankel Hall,  
 Symphony Space (Thalia Theater) ..... 10:30AM  
 Family Services, Rose Theater (Jazz at Lincoln Center) ..... 10:30AM  
 2nd Evening Service, 88th St. .... 7:30PM

**Sunday, 9/24**

2nd Day Services, 86th St., 88th St. .... 9:00AM  
 Children's Services, 86th St. Chapel/Parlor ..... 10:30AM  
 Junior Congregation, 88th St. Frankel Hall ..... 10:30AM  
 Study followed by Tashlikh and Havdalah,  
 88th St., Riverside Park ..... 4:45PM

**YOM KIPPUR**

**Sunday, 10/1**

Kol Nidre Evening Service, 86th, 88th, Symphony Space\* ..... 6:00PM

**Monday, 10/2**

Morning Services, 86th, 88th, Symphony Space\* ..... 9:00AM  
 Children's Services, 86th St. Chapel/Parlor, 88th St. Frankel Hall,  
 Symphony Space (Thalia Theater) ..... 10:30AM  
 Family Services, Rose Theater (Jazz at Lincoln Center) ..... 10:30AM  
 Mincha and Ne'ilah, 86th St., 88th St., Symphony Space\* ..... 4:30PM  
 Children's procession, 86th, 88th, Symphony Space ..... 7:00PM  
 Teki'at Shofar & Havdalah, 86th, 88th, Symphony Space ..... 7:17PM  
 Community Break-Fast, 88th St. Frankel Hall ..... 7:30PM

**88th Street Services** are at the B'nai Jeshurun Synagogue, 257 W. 88th Street (between Broadway and West End Avenue).

**86th Street/SPSA Services** are at the Church of Saint Paul and Saint Andrew, 86th Street at West End Avenue (1 block west of Broadway).

**Symphony Space Services** are at Symphony Space, 2537 Broadway (Broadway at 95th Street).

**Rose Theater Services** are at Frederick P. Rose Hall, Home of Jazz at Lincoln Center, Broadway at 60th Street (Time Warner Center)

\*Based on assigned seat location

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