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October 6 - 13, 2006

14 - 21 Tishrei, 5767

SUKKOT

TORAH Leviticus 22:26 - 23:44
MAFTIR Numbers 29:12 - 16
HAFTARAH Zekhariah 14:1 - 21

NEXT WEEK: **SHEMINI ATZERET**
TORAH Deuteronomy 14:22 - 16:17
MAFTIR Numbers 29:35 - 30:01
HAFTARAH I Kings 8:54 - 66

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 SUKKOT—FIRST EVENING

Shabbat & First Evening Services:
Family Kabbalat Shabbat
Wandering Minyan
Service
Kiddush

6:00 PM – 88th St.
 6:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
 7:30 PM – 88th St.
 Following all Services – 86th St. Sukkah

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 SUKKOT

Shabbat & First Day Sukkot Services
Children's Services
Kiddush

Second Evening Sukkot Service
Kiddush

9:30 AM – 86th St.
 10:45 AM – 86th St. Parlor and Chapel
 Following Services – 86th St. Sukkah

 7:15 PM – 88th St.
 Following Services – 86th St. Sukkah

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 SUKKOT

Second Day Sukkot Services
Children's Services
Kiddush
Shelter Volunteer Sukkot Celebration

9:30 AM – 88th St.
 10:45 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
 Following Services – 86th St. Sukkah
 5:00 PM – 86th St. Sukkah (SEE P.3)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 HOL HAMO'ED SUKKOT

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 HOL HAMO'ED SUKKOT

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 HOL HAMO'ED SUKKOT

Morning Minyan
Ledor Vador Sukkot Lunch & Learn
Kesharim
Green Sukkah Simcha & Environmental Expo

7:30 AM – 88th St.
 11:30 AM – 86th St. Sukkah (SEE P.3)
 2:00 PM – 88th St.
 6:30 PM – 86th St. Sukkah (SEE SIDEBAR)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 HOL HAMO'ED SUKKOT

Morning Minyan
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

7:30 AM – 88th St.
 12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 HOSHANAH RABBAH

Hoshanah Rabbah Services

7:30 AM – 88th St.
 followed by brunch

See page 4 for a complete schedule of Sukkot, Hoshanah Rabbah, Shemini Atzeret and Simhat Torah services at BJ.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

Get Ready to Go GREEN!
Three Upcoming Action Opportunities!

During the High Holy Days, the Environmental Action Hevra is launching a campaign called "Greening BJ" to help our community take concrete action to fight global warming and protect our environment. You can make a difference by taking one or more of the following actions:

- 1. Fill it out, fold it up, and mail it back:** Return a completed Environmental Survey. The survey is in the October *Kol Hadash* and on www.bj.org. We'll also collect surveys outside of 88th Street from 5:30-5:55PM (before the early service) on Friday, October 13.
- 2. Attend our Green Sukkah Simcha and Environmental Expo, Wednesday, October 11, 6:30PM,** Sukkah at SPSA, 86th and West End Ave. 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. Please RSVP to x366.
- 3. Join us at a screening of "An Inconvenient Truth," Thursday, October 19, 7:00PM,** 86th Street Sanctuary. Even if you think you already know everything about global warming, you'll be shocked by how much more you can learn from this must-see film. For more info or to join the Hevra, please contact Gil Kulick (gil_kulick@yahoo.com), Jenny Eisenberg (jennyeisenberg@yahoo.com), Carol Schiffman-Durham (Carol.Durham@vnsny.org) or x366.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to David, Rachel, and Michael Freid and their entire family on the death of their beloved father and grandfather, Herman Freid.

TODAH RABBAH

To the following BJ members who so graciously offered to open their homes and make room at their tables for other BJ members during the High Holy Days: Margie and Robert Imershein, Susan Green, Judith Davidoff Rosen, Eliana Kissner, Yonaton Koch and Erin Carlin, Ruth Jarmul and Irv Rosenthal, Laurence Kaplan, Leah Peskin, Sara Levine and Philip Friedman, Bernice Todres, Gregg Schwartz, and Nora Gaines.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Join BJ's Torah Teachers Circle

Please join our Torah Teachers Circle (TTC) for 5767/2006-7. Our Circle consists of BJ members who have chosen to write a d'var Torah on the parasha of the week. No experience necessary. Please send a few choices of dates to aschanfield@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).

• SAVE THE DATE! BJ Summer Israel Trip

Our summer Israel adult trip is officially scheduled for **June 27–July 8, 2007**. A detailed itinerary and trip costs will be ready by mid-October

so look for announcements in the *Kol Jeshurun*, *Kol Hadash* and community email. Join Roly and the BJ community for what promises to be another memorable BJ experience in Israel.

• AN OLIVE ON THE SEDER PLATE! A spiel about security in the land of milk and honey...

Friday–Sunday, October 6–8, Times Square Arts Center, 300 W. 43rd St.: Come see this multimedia performance about how American Jews wrestle with the Israeli military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. This production features BJ staff member Charles Lenchner. More information, including performance times, is available at www.libertycabbage.org. Tickets: \$18 (available online).

UPCOMING LIMUD

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

• Contemplative Practice

Rabbis Rachel Cowan and Marcelo Bronstein

4 Wednesdays (October 18, 25, November 1, 8) • 7:00–9:00PM

• 88th St. Sanctuary • Cost: Free, registration required.

At the core of many religions is a contemplative practice involving meditation, reflection, deep listening and cultivation of loving-kindness, compassion, truthfulness and clarity. BJ has been in the forefront of renewing this tradition in the synagogue setting. This class combines regular practice for experienced meditators with instruction suitable for beginners.

• Women's Rosh Hodesh Group for Heshvan

Rabbis Felicia L. Sol, Dara Frimmer and Lauren Holtzblatt

Saturday, October 21 • 5:30PM (Havdalah) • 88th St. Frankel Hall

• Cost: Free, registration not required. Study and pray together on this holiday traditionally associated with women. Please bring a dairy/vegetarian/kosher snack for everyone to share.

• Introduction to Judaism

Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt, Marshall T. Meyer Fellow

Mondays (October 23–May 21) • 7:00–9:00PM • 86th Street

Chapel • Cost: Individuals: \$420/\$630/Couples: \$630/\$945

(although you must enroll for the entire year, tuition may be paid in two installments). This course will be an engaging way to learn about the core history, beliefs, and what it means to live Jewishly. This course will be of interest to those just beginning to explore Jewish life, or who would simply like to be able to participate more fully in the synagogue and in the Jewish community. This is for people looking for a basic understanding of the Jewish tradition.

• For Tze'irim (20s and 30s): A Study of Abraham Joshua Heschel's *Quest for God* and Mishnah Berakhot

Rabbi Felicia Sol

4 Tuesdays (October 24, 31, November 7, 14) • 7:00–8:30PM •

Rabbi Sol's home; you will be contacted with her address once you register • Cost: Free, registration required.

From the didactic nature and basics of the Mishnah Berakhot to the poetry and modernity of Heschel's meditation on prayer, join Rabbi Felicia Sol to look at the early structure of our tradition on prayer to its meaning today through the words of Heschel. BYOB, snacks provided.

• Gems of Genesis

Rabbi Hillel Friedman

Tuesdays (October 24–May 22) • 8:10–9:00AM, following

morning minyan • 88th St. Sanctuary • Cost: \$100 members/\$150

non-members for the year. The class will study the story of Abraham and his descendents with a close reading of the text (in translation), and with reference to both traditional commentaries and contemporary biblical criticism.

• Abraham Joshua Heschel's *Heavenly Torah*

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

7 Wednesdays (October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 29; no class

Thanksgiving week) • 6:30–8:00PM • 88th St. Frankel Hall

• Cost: Free, registration required

As we approach Heschel's centennial in 2007, we will study selections from his gigantic work on rabbinic thought. *Heavenly Torah*, recently translated into English, explores the polarity in Judaism between transcendence and immanence, and between mysticism and rationalism. Heschel also invites us to look at contemporary issues through the lens of classical rabbinic discussions.

• Parashat HaShavu'a: Study of the Weekly Torah Portion

Brent Spodek, Marshall T. Meyer Fellow

Thursdays (October 26–May 24) • 7:00–8:30PM • BJ Office

• Cost: members: free/non-members: \$150 for the year.

Rabbinic tradition teaches that the Torah has seventy faces.

Each story and each commandment has its own many layers of meaning. In this class, we will study the weekly Torah portion in light of these many faces, examining layers from the past and uncovering new insights in the present.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **Shelter Volunteer Sukkah Celebration**

Sunday, October 8, 5:00–7:00PM, Sukkah at SPSA, 86th St. and West End Ave.: All shelter volunteers and BJ members are invited to come together to learn, socialize, celebrate the joyous holiday of Sukkot and fulfill the mitzvah of eating in the sukkah. This year, in response to questions and comments that have been raised by shelter volunteers and other congregants, we have asked our BJ and SPSA clergy and guest speaker to help us explore approaches for communicating respectfully with homeless people. Space is limited so please RSVP to Jim Melchiorre, Shelter Co-Chair, at jmelchi567@aol.com with your full name to reserve a place.

• **Share Your Story with the Healthcare Hevra and Help Us Fight For Asthma-Free Homes**

The Healthcare Hevra has joined with Make the Road by Walking and the Fifth Avenue Committee, two of the city's most successful grassroots organizing groups, in a campaign to remediate poor housing conditions which can trigger and exacerbate asthma. We encourage you to get involved in this important work in two ways: **1.** Help us explore why our community cares about this issue. Please contact Michael Davidovits at mdavidovits@yahoo.com if you are willing to share your story as to how asthma and/or substandard housing condition affect or have affected you or your loved ones. **2.** We invite you to attend our next meeting on **Wednesday, October 18** at 7:00PM, location TBD.

• **Make a Difference in the Life of a Child by Joining One or Both of Our Literacy Programs:**

BJ/RALPH BUNCHE SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

We invite you to help a child learn to read and write. Volunteers engage one-on-one with children in Grades 1–3 on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 8:45–10:25AM. We support classroom instruction through caring relationships. For more information, contact Ruth Joseph at rjoseph@aaahawk.com or x301.

BJ READS AT P.S. 166

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, come have coffee with the co-chairs at an informal open house on **Tuesday, October 10**, 3:00–4:00PM at the BJ Office. Contact Sandy Davidson at sandyd001@rcn.com or x391.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **Junior Congregation**

Our next Shabbat morning Junior Congregation will be on **October 21** and we are looking for leaders and participants. Please contact Rebecca Rosenthal at rrosenthal@bj.org or x243 if you want to lead or learn to lead any of the prayers. Spots fill up fast, so don't delay!

Retraction and Apologies: We incorrectly credited the photo that appears on the front cover of our 2006-2007/5767 Annual Program Guide. The beautiful photo of our sanctuary was taken by BJ member Rachel Klein on March 5, 2006.

• **We want your feedback on children's services!**

Please take a moment to tell us what you think about our Shabbat and holiday children's services. The survey is online at www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=575552578443. Questions? Contact Rebecca Rosenthal rrosenthal@bj.org or x243.

TZE'IRIM: 20S/30S

• **Cook!**

Once a month, we provide the food and cook a meal for the guests at BJ's homeless shelter. Our upcoming dates are **October 23** and **November 15**. For more info or to RSVP, contact Susan at sfishman@elliman.com

• **Torah, Prayer, and Drinks!**

A Study of Abraham Joshua Heschel's *Quest for God* and Mishnah Berakhot

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol • 4 Tuesdays (October 24, 31, November 7, 14) • 7:00–8:30PM • See page 2 for more information.

• **Eat!**

Save the date for our Shabbat Potluck dinner on **October 27** at the home of Rabbi Felicia Sol. Space is limited. Preference will be given to BJ members. Sign up at www.bj.org by clicking on the "Tze'irim" link.

• **Email!**

BJ Tze'irim is a vibrant community of over 500 Jews in their 20s and 30s, both singles and couples. Sign up on our email list by sending an email to bjtzeirim-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Visit our message board at groups.yahoo.com/group/bjtzeirim

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**

Sunday, 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*.

• **"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.

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

• **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.

• **Assistive Listening Devices for Services at BJ**
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.

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.

SUKKOT, HOSHANAH RABBAH, SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMHAT TORAH

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUKKOT

Fri. 10/6: Shabbat and First Evening Services

- Family Kabbalat Shabbat, 88th St. 6:00PM
- Wandering Minyan, 88th St. Frankel Hall 6:00PM
- Service, 88th St. 7:30PM
- Kiddush, BJ Sukkah at SPSA/86th St. Following All Services

Sat. 10/7

- Shabbat & First Day Sukkot Services, 86th St. 9:30AM
- Children's Services, 86th St. Chapel & Parlor Room 10:45AM
- Kiddush, BJ Sukkah at SPSA/86th St. Following Services
- Second Evening Sukkot Service, 88th St. 7:15PM
- Kiddush, BJ Sukkah at SPSA/86th St. Following Service

Sun. 10/8

- Second Day Sukkot Services, 88th St. 9:30AM
- Children's Services, 88th St. Frankel Hall 10:45AM
- Kiddush, BJ Sukkah at SPSA/86th St. Following Services

HOSHANA RABBAH

Fri. 10/13

- 88th St. 7:30AM

SHEMINI ATZERET

Fri. 10/14

- Shabbat & Shemini Atzeret Service, 88th St. 6:00PM
- Shabbat & Shemini Atzeret Service, 88th St. 7:30PM

Sat. 10/14

- Shabbat & Shemini Atzeret Services (Yizkor), 86th St. 9:30AM
- Children's Services, 86th St. Chapel & Parlor Room 10:45AM

SIMHAT TORAH

Sat. 10/14

- Simhat Torah Service, 88th St. 7:00PM
- Family Service, 86th St. 7:00PM

Sun. 10/15

- Simhat Torah Services, 88th St., followed by lunch* 9:30AM

Kallat Torah and Hatan Torah:
Jane and Robert Baum
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Kallat Bereshit:
Sandee Brawarsky

SUKKAH AT SPSA/86TH ST. open to the BJ community as follows:

- Sat. 10/7** 12:30PM (following kiddush)
- Sun. 10/8** 12:30PM (following kiddush)
5:00–7:00PM (Shelter Volunteer event; SEE P.3) and 7:00–9:00PM
- Mon. 10/9** 7:00–9:00PM
- Tues. 10/10** 7:00–9:00PM
- Weds. 10/11** 11:30AM–2:00PM (Ledor Vador lunch; SEE P.3)
and 6:30–9:00PM (Environmental Hevra event; SEE P.1)

* The October 15 Simhat Torah kiddush/lunch will be sponsored by Jane and Robert Baum

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

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