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BERESHIT

MEVARKHIM HAHODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 1:1 - 6:8

TRIENNIAL Genesis 5:1 - 6:8

HAFTARAH I Samuel 20:18 - 42

NEXT WEEK: NOAH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 6:9 - 11:32

TRIENNIAL Genesis 11:1 - 11:32

HAFTARAH Isaiah 54:1 - 55:5

PLEASE NOTE:

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE TIMES
CHANGE AS OF NOVEMBER 3

Beginning *Friday, November 3* the early service will start at **5:45PM** and the late service will start at **7:15PM**, both at 88th Street.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE
OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

• BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership

This Shabbat, we are pleased to welcome our partners from P.S. 125, The Ralph Bunche School. We extend warm greetings to Ms. Claudette Lustin, the new principal, and to faculty and parents. As we begin our third year of partnership, we acknowledge and honor teachers and staff who carry out daily the wonderful and challenging responsibility of educating young minds. BJ volunteers feel privileged to share our love of language with the 1st-3rd graders who are exploring the magic that is created when words are put together to convey images, ideas, and emotions. We invite our congregants to share the joy of helping the delightful children of The Ralph Bunche School become successful readers and writers. Prospective volunteers are invited to speak with Ms. Lustin and members of the RBS community after services in the SPSA Board Room. For more information, please contact Ruth Joseph at rjoseph@aaahawk.com or x 301.

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:00 PM – 88th St.

BJSH Gimmel Family Dinner

Following 6:00 PM Service – 88th St.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

7:30 PM – 88th St.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

Aliyat Hatan VeKallah

Howard Goldman and Carrie Harris

Speaker

Claudette Lustin, Principal,
Ralph Bunche School*Limud: Women's Rosh Hodesh Group**

5:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Morning Minyan

ROSH HODESH HESHVAN

9:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall

BJ Book Group

7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

Morning Minyan

ROSH HODESH HESHVAN

7:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

Hebrew School Back to School Night

7:00 PM – Heschel School

*Limud: Introduction to Judaism (1st class)**

7:00 PM – 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)

with Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt, Marshall T. Meyer Fellow

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

*Limud: Gems of Genesis**

8:10 AM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

with Rabbi Hillel Friedman

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

Repair of Siddurim and Humashim

7:00 PM – 86th St. Parlor Room (SEE P.3)

*Limud: Quest for God/Mishnah Berakhot**

7:00 PM – private home (SEE P.2)

with Rabbi Felicia Sol

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Kesharim

2:00 PM – 88th St.

*Limud: Heschel's Heavenly Torah**

6:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)

with Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall

*Limud: Contemplative Practice**

7:00 PM – 88th St.

with Rabbis Rachel Cowan and Marcelo Bronstein

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall

*Limud: Parashat HaShavu'a**

7:00 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.2)

with Brent Spodek, Marshall T. Meyer Fellow

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHM

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

- Eileen Mullen on the death of her beloved mother, Lucy Manzo.
- Jonathan, Orli, Elliot, Benjamin and Leah Silver on the death of Jonathan's beloved mother, Carol Silver.
- Lois, Len, Jessica, Rebecca and Paul Sharzer on the death of Lois' beloved mother, Sylvia Ziev.
- Michael, Patty, and Hannah Bailenson on the death of Michael's beloved mother, Ruth Bailenson.

MAZAL TOV

- To Carrie Harris and Howard Goldman on their upcoming wedding.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Partners and volunteers, BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership.
- Rabbi Daniel Nevins and 10th grade class, Adat Shalom Synagogue, Farmington Hills, Michigan.
- Rabbi Lucy Dinner and Confirmation Class, Temple Beth Or, Raleigh, North Carolina.
- Rabbi Richard Rheins and Confirmation Class, Temple Sinai, Denver, Colorado.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Shabbat Onegs at BJ: A Taste of the World to Come!

Friday, November 3, following the late service, 88th Street: Shabbat in the 21st century doesn't have to look like the traditional meal of generations past—maybe there's live music, maybe there's no Manischewitz. You bring the kosher wine/grape juice (we ask everyone to contribute) and we'll provide light finger food and a great space to socialize. Featuring music by The Sway Machinery (www.swaymachinery.com), BJ musician Tomer Tzur's band: "Hidden Melodies of the Jews of New York City."

• Teacher-in-Residence Shabbat: Dr. Susannah Heschel

November 10–11. In Commemoration of Abraham Joshua Heschel's Centennial Year. Dr. Heschel will teach at a Shabbat B'Yahad dinner following the 5:45PM Friday night service at 88th Street. Cost for dinner: \$40 members/\$50 non-members. Register at www.bj.org or mail a check (made out to "Congregation B'nai Jeshurun" with "Heschel 11/10" written in the Memo section) to the BJ office, att.: Amanda

Schanfield. \$50/\$60 after November 3, space permitting. Dr. Heschel will also give the D'var Torah during Shabbat morning services, and teach on Shabbat afternoon at 4:00PM at the 86th St. Chapel.

• SAVE THE DATE: Darfur Benefit Concert on November 19

BJ and SPSA are hosting a benefit concert for Darfur featuring local and nationally known musicians. Tickets: \$20, available at the BJ office and www.bj.org. To volunteer and for more information, please contact Darfur@bj.org

• 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 November; 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.

UPCOMING LIMUD

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

• Women's Rosh Hodesh Group for Heshvan

Facilitated by Susan Reimer Torn

Saturday, October 21 • 5:30PM (Havdalah) • 88th St. Frankel Hall
• Cost: Free, registration not required. "Like the moon, we all go through phases of invisibility and visibility. Experience this cycle as a source of enrichment in your own life." 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). An engaging way to learn about the core history, beliefs, and what it means to live Jewishly, this course is for those who wish to participate more fully in synagogue and community life and seek 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, explore the early structure of our tradition on prayer and 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.

• 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. 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

• **Volunteer for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter: The ONLY Mitzvah You Can Do In Your Sleep**

Sleepover volunteers are desperately needed at the homeless shelter run jointly by BJ, SPSA and West Park Presbyterian. Shifts are from 9:00PM–7:00AM one evening a month, Sunday–Thursday. Our greatest need is on Thursday evenings; however, we welcome volunteers for any of the five nights. If you can't sleep over, consider setting up or donating a meal. No experience necessary! New volunteers are placed with experienced volunteers. We need your help so that we can continue to serve our homeless guests five nights a week with a spirit of haknasat orḥim (hospitality). To volunteer, contact Anne Millman at anniemill@aol.com or x340.

• **Lobby Visit Training**

Monday, October 23, 6:00–9:00PM, BJ Office: Join Panim el Panim at this training as we prepare for lobby visits to elected officials who represent members of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Laura Horwitz, Assistant Director of Social Action/Social Justice, at lhorwitz@bj.org or x261.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **Community Learning Program for the B'nai Mitzvah Class of 2006-2007**

Sunday, October 22, 4:00–6:00PM, 88th Street: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol, Rabbi Dara Frimmer, Ivy Schreiber, and other 2006-2007 b'nai mitzvah students and their parents for an afternoon of learning. For more information, please contact Ivy at ischreiber@bj.org or x225.

• **Junior Congregation**

Saturday, November 4, 10:30AM, 86th Street Social Hall: Our next Shabbat morning Junior Congregation is coming up soon 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!

• **Children's Services Lunch!**

Saturday, November 11, following Children's Services, 86th Street: Join the families of BJ for an informal lunch. Connect with old friends and meet new ones—a great opportunity to get to know other BJ families! Please bring your lunch and BJ will provide drinks and desserts.

TZE'IRIM: 20S/30S

• **BJ Tze'irim "Service Match": Newcomers Wanted and Hosts Needed**

Attending Friday (late) services for the first time? Been away for a while? We'll match you up with a Tze'irim 20s/30s member. He or she will sit with you, introduce you to other Tze'irim members and answer your questions about BJ's one-of-a-kind community. We are also looking for BJ members to host newcomers for Friday night services. To sign-up as either a host or newcomer for "Service Match," contact Communications Committee co-chair Jeremy Hamburg at bronxbmbr5@aol.com and include (1) the Friday date you plan to attend BJ services, (2) your contact information, and (3) a short description of yourself.

• **Shabbat Dinners**

Friday, October 27: Tze'irim Shabbat Potluck dinner hosted by Rabbi Felicia L. Sol. Space is limited and BJ members will be given preference. On Monday, October 23, non-members are invited to register. Sign up at www.bj.org; click on Tze'irim link and fill out the online form. **Friday, November 17:** Shabbat Without Chairs Potluck Dinners following the late service, dairy/vegetarian dinner gatherings in the homes of members of our Tze'irim community. Register at www.bj.org; click on Tze'irim link, and include your name and age. *Please note that every guest must sign up individually. RSVP by Monday, November 13.* You will receive a confirmation email with the time and location of the dinner by Wednesday, November 15. Email Shabbatwithoutchairs@yahoo.com with any questions.

• **Havdalah and Hanukkah: Let there be light!**

Saturday, December 16, 5:30PM, 86th Street: Join us at SPSA for candlelighting, live music, wine and dessert as we celebrate the 2nd night of Hanukkah.

BEKEF

• **The Hunt for Wed October: Bekef Scavenger Hunt**

Sunday, October 22, 12:00 noon–3:00PM, Metropolitan Museum of Art: Crack your own Da Vinci Code with Bekef's Scavenger Hunt. You'll hunt through six areas of the museum, exploring galleries and gathering clues, as your team comes together and competes to win. Wear comfortable shoes, bring a pen, and be ready to roll. Prize awarded to each member of the winning team! Register at www.bj.org or email Charles at clenchner@bj.org

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. On **Sunday, November 19** at 7:00PM in the 86th Street Parlor Room, we'll talk about the autobiography of contemporary Israeli author Aharon Appelfeld, *The Story of a Life: A Memoir*.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO RESCUE OUR S'FARIM

The mending of damaged siddurim and ḥumashim will continue on a bi-weekly basis, beginning on **Tuesday, October 24**. The group will be meeting in the SPSA Parlor Room at 86th Street from 7:00–9:00PM. To help with this sacred task, please contact Lynda Fisher at lynda.fisher@verizon.net or Carol Dikman at cdikman@bj.org

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** are 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.

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.

SAR-EL VOLUNTEERS FOR ISRAEL
By Robert Imershein

Watching the news this summer, as terrorist rockets were falling on Israeli towns and cities, left me with a profound sense of frustration and anger. What could I do, how could I show my support... how could I put into action the slogan on the B'nai Jeshurun tee shirt, Am Echad—Lev Echad (One people, One Heart)? I was told about a program called Sar-El Volunteers for Israel and decided to volunteer.

Sar-El is an organization affiliated with the Israel Defense Force. Its mission is to bring foreign volunteers to Israel to assist with civilian jobs thereby freeing soldiers for more critical functions. Close to 100 volunteers arrived with me and were met by soldiers who transported us to various bases throughout the country where help was needed. 15 volunteers (including me) were sent north to a base outside of Qiriat Shemona. We worked alongside soldiers just back from deployment in Lebanon as we built razor wire fences on the Lebanese border, cleaned out machine gun nests in a fire base, and gave support to these brave young soldiers, many of whom were no older than my 19-year-old daughter, Rachel.

When I returned from Israel, I was surprisingly more hopeful than when I had arrived. While it is true that this war was extraordinarily difficult—innocent lives were lost, the front line was brought to towns and cities far from the border, and numerous deficiencies in preparation were found—the situation on the ground was less bleak than I had feared from the media. The Israeli people are resilient. Children began school on schedule, homes and schools are being rapidly rebuilt, money is being sent to communities in the north to help address many social inequities, present for years, but highlighted during this summer of terror. Life quickly returned to a sense of "normal," and I never felt unsafe.

I encourage you to volunteer. The Zionist pioneers of the early 20th century said they were coming to the land to build and to be built there. It is still possible. Come and reclaim the dream! You can find out more about Sar-El at www.vfi-usa.org/.

Robert Imershein is a member of the Board of Trustees and co-chair of the Israel Steering Committee.

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