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November 3 - 10, 2006

12 - 19 Heshvan, 5767

## LEKH LEKHA

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 12:1 - 17:27

TRIENNIAL Genesis 16:1 - 17:27

HAFTARAH Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16

## NEXT WEEK: VAYERA

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 18:1 - 22:24

TRIENNIAL Genesis 21:1 - 22:24

HAFTARAH II Kings 4:1 - 23

## PLEASE NOTE:

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE TIMES  
CHANGE THIS WEEKEND!

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.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Wandering Minyan

5:45 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service

5:45 PM – 88th St.

BJHS Gan Family Dinner

Following 5:45 PM Service – 86th St.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

7:15 PM – 88th St.

Oneg Shabbat

Following 7:15 PM Service – 88th St.

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## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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

Matthew Ross

Bat Mitzvah

Weslee Yacker

Aliyat Hatan VeKallah

Erin Carlin and Yonaton Koch

*Limud*: Shabbat: A Sanctuary in Time\*  
with Rabbi Jennifer Krause

4:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall,  
followed by havdalah (SEE P.2)

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

*Limud*: Introduction to Judaism\*

7:00 PM – BJ Office (note new location)

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

*Limud*: Gems of Genesis\*

8:10 AM – 88th St.

Lishma (for teens)\*

5:00 PM – BJ Office

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

*Limud*: Quest for God/Mishnah Berakhot\*

7:00 PM – private home

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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)

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall

*Limud*: Contemplative Practice\*

7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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

Repair of Siddurim and Humashim

7:00 PM – 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.3)

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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.SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE  
OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

• 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 Tuesday 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 we can continue to serve our homeless guests five nights a week with a spirit of haknusat orhim (hospitality). To volunteer, contact Anne Millman at [anniemill@aol.com](mailto:anniemill@aol.com) or x340.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HA-MAKOM YENAHM

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

- Miriam Herscher on the death of her beloved cousin, Rina Chagy Thompson.
- Jonathan, Beth, Sara, Benjamin, and Adam Kern on the death of their grandfather and great-grandfather, Michael Kern.

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Matthew, David and Jacob Ross, Carol Glazer and Stephanie Susens on Matthew becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Weslee, Brett, Dale and Wade Yacker on Weslee becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Erin Carlin and Yonaton Koch on their upcoming wedding.

## 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](http://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 St. 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. **Registration for the Shabbat B'Yahad dinner is now closed.** If you have not received a confirmation email from Amanda Schanfield, you are not confirmed for Shabbat B'Yahad.

### • BJ Goes To Israel: June 28–July 8, 2007

Be part of Israel's spiritual renewal when BJ brings a Torah to our

- Jacqueline Schatz and David Martinez on the birth of their daughter, Veronica Schatz Martinez.
- Nathalie, Ed, Bella, Lilly and Joan B. Kaplan on the birth of their daughter, granddaughter and sister, Chloe Meredith.
- BJ member and BJ High Holy Day musician Susan Pereira on the release of her new CD "Tudo Azul" with her group Sabor Brasil, which also includes Susan's husband, BJ member Vanderlei Pereira.

### TODAH RABBAH

- This week's flowers for the bimah are co-sponsored by Dale Kalikow Yacker and Brett Yacker and Carol Glazer in honor of their children, Weslee Yacker and Matthew Ross, becoming B'nai Mitzvah.
- To the Haverim Tovim havurah for helping sponsor the November 3 Oneg Shabbat.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Michael Feshbach and Confirmation Class, Temple Shalom, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

partners at Hamidrasha this summer. Our trip will further an extraordinary mission: just as BJ has contributed to the revitalization of Judaism in America, it is now playing a similar role in Israel. Be inspired and energized by discussion and celebration with our Israeli spiritual partners—groups dedicated to forging new paths into Judaism. Roly will lead 75 BJ members in an exploration of what makes for holiness in space and time. Explore Yitzhak Rabin's legacy at the Rabin Center in Tel Aviv, our ancient roots in the tunnels underneath the Old City of Jerusalem, the beauty of nature in the Stalactite Caves of Beit Guvrin, the life and work of the early Zionist pioneers at Zichron Ya'akov, the varied new music of Israel, and the mystical synagogues of Tzefat. For more information, look for announcements in the *Kol Jeshurun*, *Kol Hadash*, and community emails.

### • JFREJ—Marshall T. Meyer Risk-Taker Awards

**Thursday, November 16**, reception 6:00PM, program 7:00PM, The Brotherhood Synagogue, 28 Gramercy Park South: BJ member Tony Kushner, Grace Paley and the Transport Workers Union Local 100 will be honored by Jews for Racial and Economic Justice (JFREJ) with this year's Marshall T. Meyer Risk-Taker Award. See [www.jfrej.org/marshallmeyers.html](http://www.jfrej.org/marshallmeyers.html) for more information.

## UPCOMING LIMUD

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

### Shabbat: A Sanctuary in Time

Rabbi Jennifer Krause, Chapter 1

**Saturday, November 4** • 4:00PM • 86th St. Social Hall

• Cost: Free, registration not required. During the course of Abraham Joshua Heschel's centennial year, we will read together as a community Heschel's *The Sabbath*. On the first Shabbat of each month, a different rabbi/teacher in our community will teach one chapter through various sources. All are encouraged to buy the book and bring it to the Shabbat afternoon sessions (copies of each chapter **will not** be distributed).

### • Contemplative Practice

Rabbis Rachel Cowan and Marcelo Bronstein

**4 Wednesdays (remaining class November 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. This class is suitable for both beginners and experienced meditators.

### • Abraham Joshua Heschel's Heavenly Torah

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

**7 Wednesdays (remaining classes November 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.

### • For Singles: The Individual and the Community

Rabbi Felicia Sol

**3 Tuesdays (November 28, December 5, 12)** • 7:00–9:00PM

• 88th St. Sanctuary • Cost: Free, registration required. Join a textual and personal exploration of the nature of community. What is the tradition's expectation of an individual in the community? We will study traditional texts as a springboard to a discussion of the nature of community in the 21st century in New York City. BYOB to share, light snacks provided.

**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE**

• **Recycle Used Computers and Other Electronics**  
**Sunday, November 12, 8:30AM–12:00PM**, Lincoln Center Service Road, south of 65th Street and just west of Columbus Avenue: You can help keep dangerous toxic chemicals out of landfills and our environment by recycling unwanted electronic equipment: computers (working and non-working), monitors, printers, cell phones, and TVs. These devices contain toxic pollutants such as lead, mercury, and cadmium. Although e-waste currently makes up a small percentage of our household garbage, it accounts for about 40% of the toxins in that waste. So do your part and seize this opportunity to repair the world by recycling. Please contact Gil Kulick at [gil\\_kulick@yahoo.com](mailto:gil_kulick@yahoo.com) for more information.

• **Benefit Concert for Darfur, brought to you by BJ and SPSA**  
**Sunday, November 19, 7:00PM**, 86th Street: Featuring Caissie Levy, Neshama Carlebach, Jane Kelly Williams, and other fine singers, musicians and performers. Honorary chair: Cynthia Nixon. Tickets: \$20 (\$10 for those 17 and under), available at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org), or \$25 at the door. The concert will raise money for meeting the humanitarian needs of refugees in Darfur. For more information or to volunteer, contact [darfur@bj.org](mailto:darfur@bj.org) or Charles at the BJ office, x240.

**YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION**

• **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. For more information or to RSVP contact Rebecca Rosenthal, [rrosenthal@bj.org](mailto:rrosenthal@bj.org) or x243.

• **Community Learning Program for the B'nai Mitzvah Class of 2007-2008**  
**Sunday, November 12, 4:00–6:00PM**, 88th Street: Join Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein, 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](mailto:ischreiber@bj.org) or x225.

• **Fifth Grade Families Cook for the Shelter**  
**Tuesday, November 14, 5:00PM**, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Fifth graders and their families are invited to prepare a simple meal for the guests of BJ's homeless shelter. Please contact our November coordinator, Sam Guncler, at [gunclers@juno.com](http://gunclers@juno.com) to RSVP.

• **Junior Congregation**  
**Saturday, November 18, 10:30AM**, 86th Street Social Hall: We are looking for leaders and participants for our next Shabbat morning Junior Congregation. Please contact Rebecca Rosenthal at [rrosenthal@bj.org](mailto: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!

**TZE'IRIM: 20S/30S**

• **Tze'irim Cooks for BJ's Homeless Shelter**  
**Wednesday, November 15:** Meet young Jews while cooking for guests of BJ's homeless shelter. Contact Susan at [fishman@elliman.com](mailto:fishman@elliman.com) for more information.

• **Shabbat Without Chairs Potluck Dinner**  
**Friday, November 17:** For information on how to sign up, go to [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) and click on the "Tze'irim 20s/30s" link.

• **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.

**INTERFAITH**

• **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**  
**Wednesday, November 22, 7:30PM**, Church of the Ascension, 221 West 107th Street (Amsterdam Avenue): 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.

**BJ BOOK GROUP**

• **The Story of a Life: A Memoir**  
**Sunday, December 3, 7:00PM**, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us as we talk about the autobiography of contemporary Israeli author Aharon Appelfeld, *The Story of a Life: A Memoir*. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO RESCUE OUR S'FARIM**

The mending of damaged siddurim and humashim will continue on a bi-weekly basis. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, November 9** from 7:00–8:30PM in the SPSA Chapel at 86th Street. To help with this sacred task, please contact Lynda Fisher at [lynda.fisher@verizon.net](mailto:lynda.fisher@verizon.net)

**AFFILIATES**

• **"Turn to Me: Faces and Phases of Bikur Cholim"**  
**Sunday, November 12, 8:30AM–3:30PM**, the UJA-Federation of New York, 130 East 59th Street: The mitzvah of bikur cholim, "visiting the sick," is an imperative to visit and to inquire into the needs of those who are ill, homebound, or isolated. Learn more about this mitzvah at The 19th Annual Bikur Cholim Conference of the Rabbi Isaac Trainin Bikur Cholim Coordinating Council of the JBFCs. All are welcome. To learn more or to register, call 212-399-2685 x229 or 212, or download the brochure from [www.bikurcholimcc.org/2006ConferenceBrochure.pdf](http://www.bikurcholimcc.org/2006ConferenceBrochure.pdf)

• **Sumner Rosen Memorial Lecture: "Is Full Employment Possible in an Era of Globalization?"**  
**Thursday, November 16, 7:00–9:00PM**, Presidents' Room Faculty House, Columbia University, 400 West 117th Street: Given by Robert Pollin of the University of Massachusetts. Reception preceding lecture. RSVP to [msw22@columbia.edu](mailto:msw22@columbia.edu) or 917-929-5965.

• **Limmud NY: A Jewfusion Celebration!**  
**Martin Luther King Weekend, January 11–15:** Limmud NY brings together hundreds of Jews of diverse backgrounds and all ages for a weekend-long celebration of all things Jewish (Jewfusion). Register now for the 3rd annual Limmud NY conference at the Friar Tuck Convention Center in Catskill, NY. Sign up online at [www.limmudny.org](http://www.limmudny.org) or call the Limmud NY office at 212-284-6968. Be sure to pick up a Jewfusion card in the rack at the back of the Sanctuary. Scholarships and student discounts are available.

**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 7:15PM 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](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.

**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.*

**THE STRENGTH OF A NATION  
By Amir Shaviv**

Israelis are amazed this week to see their new, widest-ever ruling coalition: 78 out of 120 Members of Knesset. Under the same political roof, as in a good prophecy, now reside "wolf and lamb, tiger and sheep," parties from the very left to the extreme right, joined perhaps by the irresistible instinct to hold on to the reigns of government. This wide coalition could have been a positive harbinger of stability—yet even its senior members admit that substantial differences between all components may crack this solid front.

A central issue is Military needs vs. social needs. In the wake of the war in Lebanon, the Military demands an increase of its budget. The Treasury threatens to take those funds away from social projects. The irony is that the Defense Minister Amir Peretz was elected only months ago on a ticket of allocating more funds to social issues. Now, as leader of the Military, he finds himself forced to support its financial demands.

What complicates the situation is a report published this week by the Taub Center for Social Policy Studies. It shows that the spending for social needs in Israel in 2006 has dropped by 11% since 2002, while the spending for the military grew by 3%. The main victims were health services, schools and services for vulnerable populations. In other words: despite the growth of Israel's economy, the social gaps are widening and the poor continue to get poorer.

Military experts often believe that a nation is as strong as the newest, ultra-sophisticated arm in its arsenal. In Israel, many would tell you, the nation may be as strong as the weakest, most vulnerable class in its society. A thought to consider, as the budget pie is being divided.

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