



CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN

RABBIS:

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Rabbi Brent Chaim Spodek • Chen Ben Or Tsfofi • Esther Lederman

קול ישורון

KOL JESHURUN

NOAH

ROSH HODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 6:9 -11:32

TRIENNIAL Genesis 6:9 -8:14

MAFTIR Numbers 28:9-15

HAFTARAH Isaiah 66:1-24

NEXT WEEK: **LEKH LEKHA**

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 12:1 -17:21

TRIENNIAL Genesis 12:1 -13:18

HAFTARAH Isaiah 40:27 -41:16

! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Got shpilkes? Let's tawk about it!

• **Join the Community Conversation on BJ, Judaism, and Justice**

This November and December, join in as Panim el Panim, BJ's Community Organizing and Advocacy Initiative, hosts 18 conversations in members' homes.

Again? Didn't they do that two years ago? Well, why read the Torah again each year? Cycles of conversation with each other bring new insights, build new relationships, and guide the ways forward to action.

Come to share your story. What connects you to issues of justice and injustice? Why do you care? When we connect our stories and build relationships, we can do holy work and take action as a community.

You'll also meet other passionate BJ members and learn what's going on with Panim el Panim, including our exciting new partnership with Manhattan Together, an interfaith social-justice coalition. Together we're building the power to make our city a better place to live!

Register for one of the 18 conversations at convenient dates, times, and locations. Send an email to conversation@bj.org or call 212-787-7600 x432. A volunteer will reply to schedule you. *We can tawk about it!*

October 12-19, 2007

30 Tishrei-7 Heshvan, 5768

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

BJHS Gimmel Class Family Dinner

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

Shabbat Services

Children's Services

Bar Mitzvah

Bar Mitzvah

Aliyat Hatan veKallah

Community Kiddush

Limud: Rosh Hodesh Women's Group*

Conversation With Itamar Lapid

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

Learner's Minyan

Teen Learning Service Programs Info Sessions

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

Morning Minyan

Limud: Introduction to Judaism*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Morning Minyan

Offering Reconciliation: Parents Circle Exhibit

Limud: Finding Our Way Into Shabbat (Tze'irim)*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Morning Minyan

Limud: Heschel's Heavenly Torah*

Limud: Contemplative Practice*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

Morning Minyan

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

Ledor Vador Presents Tziporah Salamon

Limud: Parashat HaShavu'a*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

Morning Minyan

ROSH HODESH HESHVAN

6:00 PM - 88th St.

Following 6:00 PM Service - 88th St. Frankel Hall

7:30 PM - 88th St.

ROSH HODESH HESHVAN

9:30 AM - 86th St.

10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Samuel Brunswick

Jonathan Manocherian

Stanley Frankel and Dana Norris

Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

12:30 PM - 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)

12:30 PM - 86th St. Parlor Room (SEE P.3)

9:30 AM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

4:30 and 6:30 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

7:30 AM - 88th St.

7:00 PM - BJ Office (SEE P.2)

7:30 AM - 88th St.

6:30 PM - The Pomegranate Gallery (SEE P.4)

7:00 PM (SEE P.2)

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

Announcements

HA-MAKOM YENAHM

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

- Bill and Vicky Abrams on the death of Bill's beloved mother, Anne B. Sobel.
- Sheila and Norman Bleckner on the death of Sheila's beloved brother, Bernard Kushner.
- Bob Gruenspecht on the death of his beloved father, Martin Gruenspecht.
- Diego, Sofia and Lucio Vainesman, and Pam Prichett on the death of Diego's beloved mother, Estela Vainesman.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Jasper, Eric, Lisa, Zef and Cassidy Soloff on Jasper becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Samuel, Ralph and Eve Brunswick and Elizabeth Genn on Samuel becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Jonathan, Jed, Yael and Joshua Manocherian on Jonathan becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

- Stanley Frankel and Dana Norris on their upcoming wedding.
- Martin Kornstein and Lisa Glass on their recent wedding.
- Richard and Sharri Posen on the marriage of their daughter Danielle to Alexander Mindlin.
- Gabrielle and Nadav Hazan on the birth of their daughter, Daniella Eden.
- Alon, Svetlana and Rachel Bochman on the birth of their daughter and sister, Emma Sharon.
- Helen Hanan on the birth of her grandson, Julian Charles Joseloff.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's community Kiddush is sponsored by Jed and Yael Manocherian in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jonathan.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Lucy Dinner and Confirmation Class, Temple Beth Or, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Upcoming Limud

Please see the BJ website, www.bj.org, for more information and how to register, as well as more classes beginning in October.

▪ Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Heshvan Facilitated by Rabbi Felicia L. Sol and Marshall T. Meyer Fellow Chen Ben Or Tsfofi

Saturday, October 13 • 12:30PM (potluck lunch following Shabbat morning services) • 86th Street Chapel • Free; registration not required. Each new month on the Hebrew calendar, we will have an opportunity to study, discuss, celebrate and pray together on this holiday traditionally associated with women. Please bring a dairy/vegetarian kosher snack to share.

▪ Learner's Minyan (service) Rabbi Brent Chaim Spodek, Marshall T. Meyer Fellow

Sunday, October 14 • 9:30AM • 88th Street Sanctuary • Free; no registration required. Join us for a special Learner's Minyan which will break down the structure and flow of the daily morning services and see how they relate to Shabbat morning services. We'll begin at 9:30AM with regular morning minyan, during which Rabbi Brent Chaim Spodek will explain some of the major structural elements of morning services. Following services, we'll have some bagels and coffee and take a look at the flow and meaning of davening in somewhat greater detail. Tze'irim, the 20s/30s group of B'nai Jeshurun, is hosting this event for the whole community.

▪ Introduction to Judaism Rabbi Brent Chaim Spodek, Marshall T. Meyer Fellow

Mondays (October 15–May 19) • 7:00–9:00PM • BJ Office, Conference Room 1 • Individuals: \$420 (members)/\$630 (non-members); Couples: \$630/\$945. (Although you must enroll for the entire year, tuition may be paid in two installments). A nuanced overview of the core history, beliefs, and practices of Judaism. We hope to deepen the understanding of those just beginning to explore Jewish life, or those who would like to be able to participate more fully in the life of the Jewish community.

▪ BJ Contemplative Practice Rabbis Marcelo R. Bronstein and Rachel Cowan

7 Wednesdays (remaining classes October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21) • 7:00–9:00PM • 88th Street Sanctuary (11/14: 86th St. Chapel) • Free; registration required. Join us for an opportunity to engage in regular meditation practice. Includes seated and walking meditation, niggunim, and discussion. Open to all, no experience needed.

▪ FOR TZE'IRIM (20s AND 30s, SINGLES AND COUPLES) The Things We Never Learned: Finding Our Way Into Shabbat Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

4 Tuesdays (October 16, 23, 30, November 6) • 7:00–8:30PM • Home of Rabbi Felicia Sol; last class will be held at a venue on the Upper West Side • Free; registration required; call x233. BYOB to share, light snacks provided. Uncover the mysteries and keys to Shabbat in the tradition in order to make it meaningful and accessible for today.

▪ Abraham Joshua Heschel's Heavenly Torah Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

7 Wednesdays (October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14, 28, December 5; no class Thanksgiving week) • 6:30–8:00PM • 88th Street Frankel Hall • Free; registration required. We resume our study of Rabbi Heschel's gigantic work on rabbinic thought in observance of his centennial year. *Heavenly Torah*, explores the polarity in Judaism between transcendence and immanence, and between mysticism and rationalism. Please bring the book to class; no photocopies will be distributed. New participants are welcome.

▪ Parashat HaShavu'a: Study of the Weekly Torah Portion Esther Lederman, Marshall T. Meyer Fellow

Thursdays (October 18–May 15) • 7:00–8:30PM • BJ Office • Free (members)/\$150 (non-members) for the year. A Hasidic story teaches that Moses wanted to reveal more Torah to the people, but God refused, wanting to give the people a sense that there is something hidden among the words for them to discover. In this class, as we study the weekly Torah portion with the aid of both ancient and modern interpretations, we will reveal its many layers and find ourselves reflected in its stories and teachings.

▪ The Book of Genesis Rabbi Hillel Friedman

Tuesdays (October 23–May 20) • Following morning minyan, 8:10–9:00AM • 88th Street Sanctuary • \$100 (members)/\$150 (non-members) for the year. Using both traditional and modern commentaries, the class will participate in a close reading of the latter parts of Genesis (in translation), and discuss their meanings in terms of your own life experiences.

Community Activities

• Between Congregation and Community: A Conversation

With Itamar Lapid

Saturday, October 13, 12:30PM, 86th St. Parlor Room: BJ community Israel trip participants and all BJ members are invited for a conversation with Itamar Lapid, Hamidrasha facilitator and leader of a young community in north Israel, who will talk about his recent experience establishing a congregation in his community, Simshit. Please join us after the Kiddush in the 86th Street Social Hall.

• Ledor Vador Presents Tziporah Salamon: The Fabric of My Life

Thursday, October 18, 7:00PM, 88th St.: Back by popular demand! Using stories, anecdotes, pictures and clothes, BJ member Tziporah Salamon will perform her sartorial autobiography entitled "The Fabric of My Life." If you missed her presentation last winter, this is your chance to see her show which delighted all those who saw it. Please RSVP at x334, leaving the names of those who will be attending.

• Ledor Vador Shabbat Luncheon: Jewish Life in the Theatre

Saturday, October 20, following Shabbat morning services, 88th St. Frankel Hall: Our first Ledor Vador Shabbat Luncheon of the year kicks off with hearing from our members involved with New York City theatre life. We are delighted to welcome actor/producer Ron Guttman and Broadway producer Ina Meibach. Please RSVP at x334, leaving the names of those who will be attending. Also, send a check for \$15/member or \$18/non-member with "Ledor Vador 10/20" on the memo line. Children are welcome to attend free of charge.

• Contemplative Shabbat Service and Potluck Dinner

Friday, October 26, 6:00PM, 86th St.: Join us for services that will combine

prayer, meditation, and niggun toward a deepening experience of God. We will work together to awaken the soul, deepen the connection, and focus our prayer. There will be no instrumentation. The service is drawn from the sid-dur, but does not follow the complete text. To celebrate the first service of the year, it will be followed by a potluck dinner. For more information, please contact Naomi at x240 or ngoodhart@bj.org

• Friday Night Off-Broadway: Shabbat at BJ

Friday, November 2, following the late service, 88th St.: Extend your Shabbat experience beyond services and gather with old and new friends. The BJ Shabbat Onegs are designed to create a welcoming community for all, taking us on a journey through the powerful beauty of Shabbat with traditional rituals, live music, joyous dancing, singing and food. As the sanctuary fills with the sounds of passionate Shabbat melodies, played by the popular Jewish band Soul Farm, an intimate and sacred time and space is created.

• Shabbat: A Sanctuary in Time, and High Holy Day Volunteer Recognition

Saturday, November 3, 4:00PM, 86th St. Social Hall: Join us for a special se'udah shlishit and havdalah service honoring our High Holy Day volunteers. The rabbis will continue with the study of Heschel's *The Sabbath* that was begun last year and focus on chapter 8. We will conclude with Havdalah. Please RSVP to yhammerman@bj.org or x255 by Friday, October 26.

• Shabbat B'Yahad Dinner with Dr. Moshe Halbertal

Friday, November 16, following the early service, 88th St. Frankel Hall: Please join the B'nai Jeshurun community for our first Shabbat B'Yahad dinner of the year. Dr. Halbertal will teach at the dinner. To sign up for the dinner, please visit www.bj.org or contact Yael at x255.

Creating Kehillah

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• The BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter Needs Sleepover Volunteers

You've prayed with your feet. Now try praying in your sleep! Become a Sleepover Volunteer at the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. You can make an important contribution to social justice while catching up on your Zzzzz's— Sunday through Thursday starting at 9:00PM. If you can give up your own bed for just one night each month, you will be performing a great mitzvah for people in need: the mitzvah of hospitality. You can give ten homeless women the only chance they have for a comfortable and safe night's sleep in a bed at BJ or SPSA. Cap things off with a light breakfast and our homeless guests will be on the bus back to one of two midtown drop-in centers. And you'll be on your way by 7:00AM. Try it! You'll sleep more soundly the rest of the month. Ready to volunteer? Have questions? Need more information? Contact co-chair Anne Millman at AnnieMill@aol.com or 212-787-7600 x340.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• Do you have a teenager (or know a teenager) who wants to make a difference in the world?

Sunday, October 14, 4:30–8:00PM, 88th St.: This year our teenagers continue to take on the challenges of this world through learning service programs (this can count toward community service hours). The info sessions for the 2007-2008 programs will be as follows: **8th and 9th graders: 4:30–6:00PM.** Domestic program with Jewish FundS for Justice. **10th–12th graders: 6:00–8:00PM.** International Service Learning with American Jewish World Service. Please contact Kerrith Solomon at ksolomon@bj.org with any questions.

• Junior Congregation

Saturday, October 20, 10:30AM, 86th Street Social Hall.: We are looking for leaders and participants for our next Shabbat morning Junior Congregation. You can sign up on www.bj.org; click on "Families" and then on the date that

you want to lead. If you have questions, or would like help learning to lead a prayer, contact Rebecca Rosenthal at rrosenthal@bj.org or x243.

• Community Learning Program for the 7th Grade Grade B'nai Mitzvah Class

Sunday, October 21, 4:00–6:00PM, 88th St.: Join Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein, Ivy Schreiber, and other 7th grade b'nai mitzvah students and their parents for an afternoon of learning. For more information, please contact Ivy at ischreiber@bj.org or x225, or refer to the B'nai Mitzvah page at www.bj.org.

BJ BOOK GROUP

• The Inheritance of Loss

Sunday, October 28, 7:00PM, member's home (RSVP for location): The BJ Book Group and Literary Havurah will have its first meeting to discuss *The Inheritance of Loss* by Kiran Desai, winner of the Booker Prize, written in "uncannily beautiful prose" about the joy and despair of contemporary immigrant life. Please email dsdresner@aol.com or zsucharney@verizon.net for location.

AFFILIATES

• NIForum 2007: Towards a Progressive Vision for Israel

Sunday, October 21, 11:00AM–5:00PM, Kimmel Center at NYU, 60 Washington Square South: NIForum 2007 is a day-long symposium that will examine the challenges confronting Israel as it nears its 60th anniversary. Featuring the leaders and activists who are shaping contemporary Israeli society, the symposium will offer a unique platform for reflection and dialogue on the vital issues facing Israel today. Registration: \$60 until October 8/\$80 until October 19/\$100 at the door. Student tickets available. Scholarships available for NYU students. More information and registration at www.nif.org/niforum or contact niforum@nif.org or 212-613-4400.

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. Photography, cell phone use, and food 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.

REMEMBERING HESCHEL

In this centennial year of Abraham Joshua Heschel's birth, it's good for us to remember not only his original and challenging ideas, but also the breathtakingly beautiful language in which he couched them. This year in the Kol Jeshurun we will periodically print short quotations from Rabbi Heschel's works.

"Religion consists of God's question and man's answer."

—*I Asked for Wonder*

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.

Parents Circle: The Offering Reconciliation Exhibit

By Elenor Radzivilover

The Parents Circle is comprised of hundreds of Israelis and Palestinians who have each endured the excruciating loss of a child, parent, or other loved one to Mid-East violence. These remarkable people have chosen to open their hearts to reconciliation rather than to cherish hate. Last summer at Ramat Rachel, BJ Israel trip participants had the opportunity to meet with Parents Circle members, Robi Damelin, an Israeli, and Dr. Omar Al Aloul, a Palestinian. They inspired us through sharing their moving, personal stories and offering us an example of how adversity can be transformed into tikkun olam.

At this meeting, Robi and Ali also described the Parents Circle's *Offering Reconciliation* project, an art exhibition that presents the idea of reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians.* Distinguished Israeli and Palestinian artists were asked to create large sculptural bowls that articulate elements of the reconciliation process: co-existence, pain and loss, fracture and unity, fear and hope. Through *Offering Reconciliation*, artistic voice has been given to those who have endured the unthinkable as a result of the violence. The exhibit has traveled all over the world and will culminate in an auction** with proceeds going for the exclusive benefit of the Parents Circle.

Among many others there, I was deeply awed by the Parents Circle work, these individuals, and the Offering Reconciliation project. At this meeting, BJ was asked to promote the New York exhibit of *Offering Reconciliation*, and several of us besieged Deborah Pinsky with offers to help.

One of the "al chayts" for which we ask forgiveness on Yom Kippur is running to do violence, yet crawling to make peace. By viewing *Offering Reconciliation*, we are given a personal opportunity to run toward making peace and participate in the reconciliation dialogue that lies at the heart of the Parents Circle mission.

DETAILS

Special B'nai Jeshurun viewing: Tuesday, October 16, from 6:30 to 8:30PM at The Pomegranate Gallery, 133 Greene St., Soho. RSVP at parentscirclebowls@gmail.com or by calling Deborah Pinsky at 212-787-7600, x254.

- *Offering Reconciliation* will remain on display at the Pomegranate Gallery from October 4-18.
- *The complete exhibition catalogue is available at www.theparentscircle.org.
- **Auction of the artworks: November 2, 2007, at the SOFA Arts Expo in Chicago. Online bidding available at www.theparentscircle.org. (Opening bid: \$1,500)

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The "Focus on Israel" column is edited by Robin Fleischner, a Vice President of BJ and Co-Chair of BJ's Israel Steering Committee.

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