



CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN

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# קול ישורון

## KOL JESHURUN

### LEKH LEKHA

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Genesis 12:1 - 17:21

**TRIENNIAL** Genesis 12:1 - 13:18

**HAFTARAH** Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16

NEXT WEEK: **VAYERA**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Genesis 18:1 - 22:24

**TRIENNIAL** Genesis 18:1 - 33

**HAFTARAH** II Kings 4:1 - 23

### ! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY

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

#### CAN WE TALK?

Mike Meyers' Saturday Night Live skit aside, talking to each other is one of the things we do most as congregants. Panim el Panim—BJ's social justice/social action advocacy program—wants to listen to you.

Our third series of Community Conversations is about to begin. We would like to hear your personal stories. What connects you to justice and good works? *What makes you angry enough to want to do something about it? What draws other congregants to become part of this work?*

There are issues right here in New York City that we can affect as a group—sometimes in alliance with other like-minded groups and sometimes on our own. The passion that we each have is powerful and we can do holy work together.

Come join us so WE CAN TALK!

Register for one of the 18 conversations at convenient dates, times, and locations. E-mail [conversation@bj.org](mailto:conversation@bj.org) or call 212-787-7600 x432.

A volunteer will reply to schedule you.

## October 19-26, 2007

7-14 Heshvan, 5768

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

6:00 PM – 88th St.

**BJHS Hey Class Family Dinner**

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

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

7:30 PM – 88th St.

**Tze'irim Autumn Harvest Shabbat Dinner**

Following 7:30 PM Service – 86th St. Social Hall

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

**Shabbat Services**

9:30 AM – 86th St.

**Junior Congregation**

10:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall

**Children's Services**

10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

#### Speaker

Nidal Abed El Gafer, New Israel Fund

**Bar Mitzvah**

Benjamin Jacobs

**Bat Mitzvah**

Margo Motulsky

**Minḥa/Ma'ariv**

5:30 PM – 88th St.

**Bat Mitzvah**

Sarah Perelson Gross

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

**Morning Minyan**

9:30 AM – 88th St.

**Class of '07-'08 B'nai Mitzvah**

4:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)

**Community Learning Program**

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**Limud: Introduction to Judaism\***

7:00 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.2)

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**Limud: The Book of Genesis\***

8:10 PM (SEE P.2)

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

7:00 PM (SEE P.2)

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**Limud: Heschel's Heavenly Torah\***

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

**Limud: Contemplative Practice\***

7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program**

12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

**Limud: Parashat HaShavu'a\***

7:30 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.2)

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM – 88th St.

\* Please see the BJ website, [www.bj.org](http://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:

- Sandy and Ron Ashendorf on the death of Sandy's beloved father, Ira H. Wexner.
- Robert Mandel and Lois Alexander on the death of Rob's beloved mother, Magda Davidman.

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Benjamin, Jonathan and William Jacobs and Carolyn Douglas on Benjamin becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Margo, John, Reed and Curtis Motulsky and Wendy Nacht on Margo becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Sarah Perelson Gross and Lois Perelson-Gross, Stewart, Hannah and Benjamin Gross on Sarah becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Leonard and Lois Sharzer on the birth of their grandson, Dante Benjamin Gutrecht.

### TODAH RABBAH

- This week's flowers for the bima at 88th Street are sponsored in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Alice Perelson Gross, daughter of Lois Perelson-Gross and Stewart K.P. Gross and sister of Hannah Perelson Gross and Benjamin Perelson Gross.
- This week's flowers for the bima at 86th Street are sponsored by Wendy Nacht and John Motulsky, and Carolyn Douglas and Jonathan Jacobs, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Margot Motulsky and the Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Jacobs.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Adam Schaffer and 8th Grade Class, Abraham Joshua Heschel Day School, Northridge, California.
- Sue Okun and 6th Grade Class, Temple Emanuel, Kensington, Maryland.
- Rabbi Adam Spilker and 11th Grade Class, Mount Zion Temple, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- Andy Mallor and the Beth Shalom Machon Class, Beth Shalom Congregation, Bloomington, Indiana.
- Rabbi Michael Feshbach and Confirmation Class, Temple Shalom, Chevy Chase, Maryland.
- Rabbi Mitchell Chefitz, Scholar-in-Residence at Temple Israel, Miami, Florida.

## Upcoming Limud

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

### Introduction to Judaism

**Rabbi Brent Chaim Spodek, Marshall T. Meyer Fellow**

Mondays (began October 15; through 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 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 (remaining classes October 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; class full, to be added to the waitlist 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 (remaining classes October 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 (began October 18; through 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.

### A MONTHLY LUNCHTIME ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

**Engendering Judaism: What Is At Stake?**

**Rabbi Felicia L. Sol**

6 Wednesdays (November 7, December 5, January 9, February 6, March 5, April 2) • 12:15-1:15PM • BJ Office • Free; registration required. Meet monthly to discuss Dr. Rachel Adler's book *Engendering Judaism*, which raises the deep questions of what it means to sustain and create a Judaism that is alive, relevant and inclusive for both men and women, while acknowledging the complicated reality of the "tradition" which is patriarchal at its essence and yet what we've received over thousands of years. Full participation in the discussion will require purchasing the book and reading the chapters in advance of the discussion. We will begin on November 7 with the Introduction.

## Community Activities

### • Contemplative Shabbat Service and Potluck Dinner

**Friday, October 26**, 6:00PM, 86th Street: 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 siddur, 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 Street: 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 Street 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 Street 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](http://www.bj.org) or contact Yael at x255.



### SERVICE SCHEDULE TIME CHANGE

#### Kabbalat Shabbat Service: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME!

Beginning **Friday, November 9**, the early service will start at 5:45PM and the late service will start at 7:15 PM, both at 88th Street.

## Creating Kehillah

### SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

#### • A CAT IN A HAT ATE A MAT AND GOT FAT CAN YOU READ THIS? SOME KIDS CAN'T. JOIN BJ READS AND CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE.

*Because of you, a child will learn to read.* Volunteer for one or two hours each week from October to May. Join BJ Reads Mondays or Wednesdays from 9:00-10:00AM or 10:00-1:00AM at P.S. 166 on West 89th Street (between Columbus and Amsterdam Aves.). For information or to volunteer, contact Sandy Davidson at sandyd001@rcn.com or 212-724-2013.

#### • Rally to End the War in Iraq

**Saturday, October 27**, 12:00PM: A mass demonstration and march downtown offers an opportunity to express concern and outrage about the ongoing war in Iraq. Those who wish to walk to the rally can gather with Stefan Krieger outside the synagogue immediately after services. A contingent of religious/faith-based groups also meets at 19th Street between Broadway and Fifth Avenue. The march goes down Broadway and ends in a Peace and Justice Festival in Foley Square. More info: <http://oct27.org>.

### YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

#### • 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](http://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 B'nai Mitzvah Class

**Sunday, October 21**, 4:00-6:00PM, 88th Street: 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](http://www.bj.org).

### TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

#### • Cooking for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

**Monday, October 29**, 6:00PM: No cooking experience is necessary, and the cost of groceries will be split among all the volunteers (about \$8-10/person). RSVP to Susan and Rebekah at tzvolunteers@yahoo.com.

### 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](http://www.nif.org/niforum) or contact niforum@nif.org or 212-613-4400.

#### • Basya Schechter: "Radical Amazement!"

**Tuesday, October 23**, 8:00PM, NY Society for Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th St.: Join BJ musicians Basya Schechter (oud, guitar, vocals), Uri Sharlin (musical arranger, piano, accordion) and others at a concert premiere of "Radical Amazement!", a cycle of songs composed by Basya to the Yiddish poetry found in Abraham Joshua Heschel's most recently published work, *The Ineffable Name of G-d: Man*. For more info, and to purchase tickets: [www.oyhoo.com/shows/ghetto-cabaret-diaries](http://www.oyhoo.com/shows/ghetto-cabaret-diaries)

## 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. 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.

### Green Tip: CLEAN UP YOUR COFFEE

You can reduce waste and help wildlife while you drink coffee. If you brew it yourself, eliminate paper filters by purchasing a reusable filter, available for just a few dollars, at natural food stores. White paper filters pollute water with chlorine and other harmful chemicals. Unbleached filters are an improvement, but, over time, also waste large amounts of paper. If you buy your coffee by the cup, bring your own reusable cup with you. Most importantly, look for shade-grown organic and fair-trade coffee, which preserves forests for birds, protects soil from erosion, and shuns pesticides and chemical fertilizers, while guaranteeing poor farmers a fair price for their product. (bird-friendly coffee, [www.transfairusa.org](http://www.transfairusa.org))

**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.

## Would you like to be published in the weekly KJ?

Many weeks a D'var Torah, written by a member of the BJ community, is published in the weekly Kol Jeshurun, posted on the BJ website, [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org), and sent out via email with the BJ community email. We invite and encourage you to participate in this growing circle of BJ Torah teachers. No experience necessary! This teaching will allow each of us to study the parasha of the week and learn from one another in our community. Please contact Sarah Guthartz at [sguthartz@bj.org](mailto:sguthartz@bj.org) for further information.