



CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN

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קול ישורון
KOL JESHURUN

VAYERA

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 18:1 - 22:24

TRIENNIAL Genesis 18:1 - 33

HAFTARAH II Kings 4:1-23

NEXT WEEK: **HAYYEI SARAH**

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 23:1 - 25:18

TRIENNIAL Genesis 23:1 - 24:9

HAFTARAH I Kings 1:1-31

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY

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

Tawk Amongst Yourselves!!

We exchange 39.7 billion, person-to-person emails daily in the United States. Are we losing our ability to have face-to-face relationships?

As effective as we all know email can be, we are dedicated to actually meeting in real life, across the table from one another, to learn about each other's stories that demonstrate how injustice and struggle has influenced our lives in one way or another. The shared principles of justice that emerge from these conversations create relationships, which we then build into powerful networks of people who can together act to change the world. Since Panim el Panim began its work in 2003, hundreds of our community members have come together and we have gained significant victories as a result.

Come to a house meeting and find out what the relational meeting as a community organizing principle is all about and help us make a difference.

Register for one of the 18 conversations at convenient dates, times, and locations. Contact conversation@bj.org or 212-787-7600 x432.

A volunteer will contact you to find a meeting that fits your schedule.

October 26 - November 2, 2007

14- 21 Heshvan, 5768

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - 88th St.
BJHS Dalet Class Family Dinner Following 6:00 PM Service - 88th St. Frankel Hall
Contemplative Shabbat Service and Dinner 6:00 PM - 86th St. (SEE P.3)
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM - 88th St.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

Shabbat Services 9:30 AM - 86th St.
Children's Services 10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Bar Mitzvah Jacob Moscona-Skolnik
Bar Mitzvah Owen Kaye-Kauderer

Community Kiddush Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

Minha/Ma'ariv 5:30 PM - 88th St.
Bat Mitzvah Kate Braun

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th St.
BJ Book Group 7:00 PM (SEE P.3)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.
Limud: Introduction to Judaism* 7:00 PM - BJ Office

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.
Limud: The Book of Genesis* 8:10 AM (SEE P.2)
Limud: Finding Our Way Into Shabbat (Tze'irim)* 7:00 PM (SEE P.2)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

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, NOVEMBER 1

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall
Limud: Parashat HaShavu'a* 7:00 PM - BJ Office

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.

* 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 Terry Marx, Stephen Arpadi and their children, Charlotte and Adina, and their entire family on the death of Terry's beloved father, Hank Marx.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Owen, Halley and Jenna Kaye-Kauderer, Beth Kauderer and Andrew Kaye on Owen becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Jacob and Ari Moscona-Skolnik, Anne Moscona and Edward Skolnik on Jacob becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Kate, Philip and Danny Braun and Idee Simon on Kate becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Yael Hammerman and Josh Rabin on their recent engagement.

TODAH RABBAH

• This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Beth Kauderer, Andrew Kaye and their family in honor of Owen's Bar Mitzvah.

• This week's flowers for the bima at 86th Street are co-sponsored by Anne Moscona and Edward Skolnik in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Moscona-Skolnik, and by Carrie Harris and Harold Goldman in honor of their first anniversary.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Samuel Weinstein and Confirmation Class, The Temple Shomer Emunim, Sylvania, Ohio.
- Rabbis Dennis and Sandy Eisenberg Sasso and Confirmation Class, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Rabbi Joseph Eiduson and 10th Graders, Congregation B'nai Shalom, Westborough, Massachusetts.
- Rabbi Joseph Krakoff and 10th Graders from the Confirmation Class, Congregation Shaarey Zedek, Southfield, Michigan.
- MTM Rabbinic Fellow Rabbi Meir Feldman and Confirmation Class, Temple Israel, Memphis, Tennessee.
- Cantor Frank Lanzkron-Tamarazo, Elissa Berg and Confirmation Class, Adat Shalom Synagogue, Farmington Hills, Michigan.



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.

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

• BJ Contemplative Practice

Rabbis Marcelo R. Bronstein and Rachel Cowan

7 Wednesdays (remaining classes October 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 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 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.

• The Book of Genesis

Rabbi Hillel Friedman

Tuesdays (began 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.

• Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Kislev

Facilitated by Rabbi Felicia L. Sol and Marshall T. Meyer Fellow

Chen Ben Or Tsfofi

Saturday, November 10 • 4:00PM • 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.

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 will focus on chapter 8. We will conclude with Havdalah.

• The Israeli Settlements and the Prospect for an Israeli-Palestinian Peace Settlement: An Evening with Israeli Journalist Akiva Eldar

Thursday, November 8, 7:00–9:00PM, 88th Street: Award-winning Israeli journalist Akiva Eldar will speak, as well as sign copies of his recent international bestseller *Lords of the Land*. Co-sponsored by Brit Tzedek v'Shalom, the Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace, and Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. For more information, please contact Ben Murane, co-chair of the NYC Brit Tzedek v'Shalom Chapter, at kungfujew18@gmail.com or 646-320-9546.

• 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 or contact Yael at x255.

Creating Kehillah

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• 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>.

• Darfur Now

See and support the inspiring new film *Darfur Now*, coming to the Angelika Theater the weekend of November 2. From a UCLA graduate in Manhattan Beach, California, to a Darfuri woman who joins rebel forces, to the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in The Hague, to a United Nations humanitarian on the ground in Sudan, to an internationally known actor and activist, and finally to a community leader in a West Darfur refugee camp, the film portrays the heroic efforts of six people trying to resolve a humanitarian tragedy unfolding before our very eyes. For more information go to www.participate.net/darfurnow. To attend with the BJ group, contact darfur@bj.org.

• BJ Blood Drive: Save the Date—Give the Gift of Life!

Wednesday, November 14, 4:00–9:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Mark your calendars to donate blood at the next BJ/SPSA Blood Drive. Give the gift of life. This donation doesn't depend on your bank account and is the greatest mitzvah of them all! Sign up early and ask a friend or colleague to do so, too. "For the blood is the life" (Deut. 12:23). Make an appointment for a particular donation time by contacting TrudiL531@aol.com or x373. Either Sharon Messitte or Trudi Levine will call you back to confirm.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• Junior Congregation

Saturday, November 3, 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.

• Frankel Fridays

Friday, November 9, 10:30–11:30AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Want to get to know other BJ families? Join us for an informal get-to-know-you gathering for families with babies and toddlers. It's a chance to chat, for the kids to play and to get to know some new people. You bring the toys, and we'll provide the coffee. Questions? Contact Rebecca at rrosenthal@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.

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, 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 for further information.

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 siddurim to the back as you leave. Tallitot and damaged siddurim 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.

"The road to the sacred leads through the secular."

—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.

Today's Child Is Tomorrow's Israel

By Amir Shaviv

Israel is a young nation and 2.3 million of its total population of 7 million are under 18 years old. Yet nearly 350,000—15% of Israeli children—are considered "at risk." They suffer from physical, emotional or sexual abuse, neglect or a violent home environment, with many likely to drop out of school and end up as juvenile delinquents (there are well over 23,000 juvenile criminal cases today!) The numbers are shocking, especially when we know that every figure represents a painful young individual.

Last week in New York, donors, experts and professionals convened as part of ASHALIM—a program of hope and turn-around that may literally save those children from a fate seemed unchangeable. In recent years, ASHALIM created pioneering programs of early intervention, real-time help and a comprehensive approach to attack this monstrous problem. Intensive training is given to teachers and social workers, parents and children, at school and at home, attacking this social malignancy on every front. A lot is achieved because the programs focus on the strengths in a child's natural environment, building stronger families, support networks and communities. ASHALIM's early childhood programs place special emphasis on children from birth to age six—the critical formative years in child development.

ASHALIM is a blessed partnership of many, among them the JDC, New York UJA-Federation and the Chais Family Foundation. As I was listening to the reports of this work and its achievements, I felt that there is no worse wound in society where philanthropy should direct its healing balm.

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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.