



CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN

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KOL JESHURUN

VAYERA

TORAH: HAYYEI SARAH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 23:1 - 25:18

TRIENNIAL Genesis 23:1 - 24:9

HAFTARAH | Kings 1:1-31

NEXT WEEK: **TOLDOT**

MEVARKHIM HAHODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 25:19 - 28:9

TRIENNIAL Genesis 25:19 - 26:22

HAFTARAH | Samuel 20:18-42

SERVICE TIME CHANGE ON NOVEMBER 9

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 **7:15PM**, both at 88th Street.

! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES

• **BJ Blood Drive—Save the Date: Give the Gift of Life!** **Wednesday, November 14**, 4:00-9:00PM, 88th Street: 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.

• **BJ Responds to Help Wildfire Disaster Victims** We join together in expressing our heartfelt sympathy to the victims of the terrible firestorms in southern California. If you would like to donate to disaster relief efforts, please consider the United Jewish Communities, which has established a fund for this purpose. Funds collected by the UJC will help attend to the needs of the Jewish community, and will be allocated to the general community as well. UJC will work with the impacted communities to identify short- and longer-term needs. For more information: www.ujc.org/wildfirerelief. If you have questions, please contact UJC between 8:30AM-5:00PM (8:30AM-3:00PM on Fridays) at ujcdirect@ujc.org or 877-277-2477.

November 2 - 9, 2007

21- 28 Heshvan, 5768

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 PM – 88th St.
Wandering Minyan	6:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:30 PM – 88th St.
Oneg Shabbat with Soul Farm:	Following 7:30 PM Service – 88th St.
Friday Night Off-Broadway	(SEE P.3)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Shabbat Services	9:30 AM – 86th St.
6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Learning Program	9:30 AM – 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.3)
Junior Congregation	10:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall
Children's Services	10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Bar Mitzvah
Bat Mitzvah

Max Paul Kantor
Arianna Schein Futterfas

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

4:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall (SEE. P.3)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88th St.
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
<i>Limud: Introduction to Judaism*</i>	7:00 PM – BJ Office

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
<i>Limud: Engendering Judaism*</i>	12:15 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.2)
<i>Limud: Heschel's Heavenly Torah*</i>	6:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)
<i>Limud: Contemplative Practice*</i>	7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program	12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
<i>Limud: Parashat HaShavu'a*</i>	7:00 PM – BJ Office
An Evening With <i>Haaretz</i> Journalist Akiva Eldar	7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Frankel Fridays	10:30 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.3)

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

Announcements

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Max, Steven and Aaron Kantor and Ilene Lainer on Max becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Arianna and Zoe Shein Futerfas, Alan Futerfas and Bettina Shein on Arianna becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Gustavo and Noam Bruckner and Bena Medjuck-Bruckner on the birth of their daughter and sister.
- Stacy Bolton and James and Eliza Stulman and Stephen Stulman on the birth of their daughter, sister and granddaughter, Rachel Bolton Stulman.
- Billy Macklowe and Julie Lerner Macklowe, and Harry and Linda Macklowe on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter, Zoe Lerner Macklowe.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's flowers for the bimah are co-sponsored by Alan S. Futerfas and Bettina Schein in honor of their daughter, Arianna Schein Futerfas becoming a Bat Mitzvah and Ilene Lainer and Steven Kantor in honor of their son, Max Paul Kantor becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Marcie Goldberg and Confirmation Class, Temple Sinai Congregation of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario.
- Rabbi Karen Bender, Michael Mason and 11th and 12th graders, Temple Judea, Tarzana, California.

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 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 class 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 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.

• 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 Tsfo

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. Concludes with havdalah.

• Learning The Liturgy: Feeling At Home With The Siddur

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

4 Tuesdays (November 27, December 4, 11, 18) • 7:00–8:30PM • 88th Street • Free; registration required. This class will explore the basic history of the compilation of the siddur, the structure of the liturgy and the rhythm of our davening in order to help students unlock a deeper prayer experience because they will feel more at home with the siddur and its liturgy. The class will focus primarily on the Shabbat liturgy. The two middle classes will take place during Hanukkah and the Hanukkah will be lit in class.

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. Consider writing in honor or in memory of a family member or friend, or to celebrate a birthday or anniversary. 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.

Community Activities

▪ Friday Night Off-Broadway with Soul Farm: 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 began 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 Haaretz 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.

▪ Havdalah with the Contemplative Havurah

Saturday, November 10, 7:00PM, 86th Street Social Hall: Please join us for havdalah, as we end Shabbat together in quiet space. There will be conversation and nibbles following the service. Please bring cheese, crackers, dessert or fruit to share.

▪ 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.

▪ Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 21, 7:00PM, 86th Street Sanctuary: Come join with our neighbors of all faith traditions to give thanks on the eve of Thanksgiving. There will be a light reception after the service. Clergy from several churches and synagogues will be participating, and money raised that evening will be given to the West Side Campaign Against Hunger.

▪ Introducing Services Match—you don't have to attend BJ alone!

If you plan to attend Friday night services for the first time or just want to get re-acquainted with BJ, we will pair you up with a BJ member. He or she will meet you before services and guide you through BJ's one-of-a-kind experience. To request a "Service Match," contact bj servicematch@yahoo.com and include (1) the date you plan to attend and whether you prefer the early or late service, (2) your contact information, and (3) a short description of yourself.

▪ BJ Israel Trip, June 11-22, 2008: Celebrating Israel at 60 through Social Action and Social Justice

Join Rabbi Felicia Sol and members of the BJ community as we celebrate Israel at 60! This trip will explore the social justice issues in Israel associated with poverty, minority populations, the divide between the religious and secular, the environment, and more! Come discover what justice means, meet the people who pursue these goals, hear the voices in the field and engage in both study and direct service opportunities in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Make the commitment to help Israel reach its dream in the next 60 years and beyond! **For registration materials, please contact Ivy Schreiber at ischreiber@bj.org or x225.**

Creating Kehillah

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

It's not too late to register for one of the 18 conversations at convenient dates, times, and locations. Contact x432 or conversation@bj.org. A volunteer will contact you to find a meeting that fits your schedule.

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.

Tawk Amongst Yourselves!!

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

▪ 6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Learning Program

Saturday, November 3, 9:30-10:30AM, 86th Street Chapel: Join Rabbi Roly Matalon for an hour of study about the Shabbat morning service before Junior Congregation. This program is for all 6th grade students (and their parents) who will become Bar/Bat Mitzvah at BJ.

▪ 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 rosenthal@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 rosenthal@bj.org or x243.

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.

**"Jerusalem is a witness,
an echo of eternity.
Stand still and listen."**

—*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.

Snapshot of Jerusalem — Fall 1971

By Joanne Palmer

In 1971, when hope was in the air and Israel still felt young, Rabbi Paul Drazen spent his junior year abroad in Jerusalem. "It was a very heady time," he says now. "People were getting along famously. Jerusalem had just been reunited, Teddy Kollek was mayor, and Jews, Muslims, and Christians felt free to wander wherever they wanted. People in Jerusalem were still feeling that this could work."

Paul and a group of friends, all from Detroit, walked by the YMCA when a policeman came over to them asking "English? English?" They told him in Hebrew that yes, they spoke English, and he brought them across the street to the King David Hotel, where a middle-aged woman waited. "She said, 'Take me someplace,'" he recalls. "We said 'Pardon?' and she told us that she was with a tour group from Cleveland that was sitting in the King David's lobby. 'And if I wanted to sit in a hotel lobby, I wouldn't have had to leave Cleveland.'"

So they took her to the Café Atara.

The café opened before World War II and for decades was one of those prototypical Israeli places, "a classic European-style café where for the cost of a piece of cake and cup of coffee you could sit all day," where elegant European refugees and burly sabras, equally and constantly wreathed in cigarette smoke, could sit for hours and debate politics; where no matter what your native language eventually you'd hear it.

The woman bought them all cake and coffee, and they sat for a few hours and watched and listened to the life around them. And then, feeling that she'd actually been in Israel and that it was not Cleveland, she took a cab back to the King David and the boys continued to explore Jerusalem.

As always, in loving memory of Shira Palmer-Sherman, z'l.

Joanne Palmer works for United Synagogue, where she is editor of CJ: Voices of Conservative/Masorti Judaism.

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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