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KOL JESHURUN

TOLDOT

MEVARKHIM HAḤODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 25:19 - 28:9

TRIENNIAL Genesis 25:19 - 26:22

HAFTARAH I Samuel 20:18 - 42

NEXT WEEK: **VAYETZE**

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 28:10 - 32:3

TRIENNIAL Genesis 28:10 - 30:13

HAFTARAH Hosea 12:13-14:10

SERVICE TIMES CHANGE ON NOVEMBER 9

Kabbalat Shabbat Service:

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME!

Beginning *this 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 OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

• **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.

November 9-16, 2007

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Kabbalat Shabbat Service
New Member Orientation Dinner

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Shabbat Services
Children's Services

Bar Mitzvah

Aliyat Hatan veKallah

Speaker

Community Kiddush

Minḥa/Ma'ariv
Bat Mitzvah

Limud: Rosh Hodesh Women's Group*
Contemplative Hadvah

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Morning Minyan
Bar Mitzvah

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Morning Minyan
Limud: Introduction to Judaism*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Morning Minyan
Limud: The Book of Genesis*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Morning Minyan
BJ Blood Drive
Limud: Heschel's Heavenly Torah*
Limud: Contemplative Practice*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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
Dr. Moshe Halbertal, Teacher in Residence: 7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)
"What is Faith (Emunah)? Reflections on Faith from the Jewish Tradition"

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Hebrew School 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Through Sunday – Isabella Freedman
Family Retreat Retreat Center

28 Heshvan - 6 Kislev, 5768

5:45 PM – 88th St.
Following 5:45 PM Service –
88th St. Frankel Hall
7:15 PM – 88th St.

9:30 AM – 86th St.
10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Drew Adler

Joshua Lambert and Sara Kippur

Avraham Neguise, Director of South Wing to Zion: Association for Ingathering and Absorption of Ethiopian Jewry in Israel

Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

4:45 PM – 88th St.
Sydney Goldberger

4:00 PM – 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)
7:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall (SEE P.3)

ROSH HODESH KISLEV

9:30 AM – 88th St.
Noah Offitzer

7:30 AM – 88th St.
7:00 PM – BJ Office

7:30 AM – 88th St.
8:10 AM – 88th St.

7:30 AM – 88th St.
4:00–9:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE SIDEBAR)
6:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)
7:00 PM – 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)

* 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:

- Amy, Chuck, Allison, and Julie Rudnick on the death of Amy's beloved mother, Rita Teicher.
- Trudi Levine and Vanessa and Karlin Levine-Smith on the death of Trudi's beloved mother, Lena Mozen Levine.
- Lynda Fisher on the death of her beloved uncle, Edward Leibowitz.
- Michelle Zierler on the death of her beloved father, Gerard Zierler.
- Lauren Goldstein and Allen, Abigail and Eliza Bromberger on the death of Lauren's beloved father, Robert Goldstein.
- Julie Kantrowitz and David and Emma Leibman on the death of Julie's beloved father, Lionel Kantrowitz.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Drew, Dennis, Garrett and Nathan Adler and Robin Aronow on Drew becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Sydney, Jeffrey, Laurie, Perry and Cody Goldberger on Sydney becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

- Noah and Maia Offitzer and Shirley Abraham on Noah becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Estare and David Weiser on the birth of their grandson, Samuel Jonah.
- Stephen, Susan and Sabrina Kippur on the marriage of their daughter and sister Sara, to Joshua Lambert.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Susan and Stephen Kippur in honor of the upcoming wedding of their daughter Sara to Joshua Lambert.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Nancy Immerman and the Young Adult Leadership Development group from Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas, Texas.
- Rabbi Eric Eisenkramer, Alyson Adler and teens in the J. tel program, North Shore Synagogue, Syosset, New York.
- The new members joining us tonight for the New Member Orientation Program.

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 14, 21)

- 7:00-9:00PM • 11/14, 86th St. Chapel; 11/21, 88th Street Sanctuary • 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.

• Abraham Joshua Heschel's Heavenly Torah

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

7 Wednesdays (remaining classes November 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 (remaining classes 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.

• 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

• 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, Teacher in Residence

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 on the topic "The Idea of the Holy (Kedusha)." To sign up for the dinner, please visit www.bj.org or contact Yael at x255. Cost is \$50 members/\$60 non-members. Dr. Halbertal will also offer teachings on **Thursday, November 15** at 7:00PM at 88th Street entitled "What is Faith (Emunah)? Reflections on Faith from the Jewish Tradition," (members free/non-members \$15, no registration required) and on **Saturday, November 17**, at 4:30PM at the 86th Street Social Hall entitled "Barukh Dayan Emet: Prayer and the Problem of Evil" (free, no registration required).

• 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 bjservicematch@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

• 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'll just have a different bed that night), 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 x340.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• 6th & 7th Grade Families Cooking for the Shelter

Tuesday, November 13, 5:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: ALL of BJ's sixth and seventh graders, no matter where they receive their Jewish education, are invited to prepare a meal for the guests of the shelter. Please RSVP to Lisa Zucker, our November coordinator, at lzucker@nyc.rr.com.

• Junior Congregation

Saturday, November 17, 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.

• Family Hanukkah Programs

Tuesday, December 4, 4:00–6:00PM (for school-aged children);
Saturday, December 8, 5:00–6:00PM (for families with young children):
Save the date for two great Hanukkah programs. For school-aged children,

join us for an environmental Hanukkah party and for young children, join us for the return of PJs and Havdalah. Questions? Contact Rebecca Rosenthal at rrosenthal@bj.org or x243.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• Cooking for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

Monday, November 26, 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.

• Shabbat Without Chairs at the home of Rabbi Felicia Sol

Friday, November 30, following the 7:15PM service: Celebrate Shabbat with Rabbi Felicia Sol as she opens her home to Tze'irim. This will be an amazing evening filled with schmoozing, singing, learning, and plenty of eating and drinking. Space is very limited and will fill up quickly. Registration is now open for BJ members through November 12. Registration will open to anyone in Tze'irim's "Finding Your Way Into Shabbat" class from November 12–16. If space is available, registration will open for non-members beginning November 16. Please visit www.bj.org to register.

• Tze'irim Shabbat Clusters

Become part of a Shabbat Cluster, a group of approximately 8-10 people who will meet monthly for potluck Shabbat dinners in each other's homes. If interested, please contact Amanda at aschanfield@bj.org by November 16 and let us know your age, location, profession and interests.

HAVUROT

• Havurah 40Plus Hanukkah Shabbat Dinner

Friday, November 30, 7:40PM, Upper West Side: The 40+ Havurah is a group of men and women, single and married, established to promote sharing of friendship, social activities, spirituality and Jewish religious events. It is intended to provide an opportunity to meet, network and connect with like-minded individuals to create the spirit of havurah encouraged by BJ. To sign up and for location information, contact havura40plus@yosefa.galchen.com.

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 7:15PM 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. 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 please 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.

"When I go to Israel, every stone and every tree is a reminder of hard labor and glory, of prophets and psalmists, of loyalty and holiness."

—*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.

BJ Instrumental in Establishing New Israeli Institute for Women's Studies

By Steve Stulman

For the majority of Jewish women in Israel, Torah is not approachable—either due to external barriers of social taboos or groups who monitor access or due to internal barriers of fear, pain or alienation. For most women—both secular and religious—Judaism and feminism are not only incompatible, they are conflicting elements.

Women in Israel are not only isolated from Torah, they are isolated from each other. Political and social divisions often result in a situation where persons of differing Jewish practice barely come in contact with one another, and even more certainly not for deep relations which invite dialogue and mutual learning.

These isolations are disabling and contribute to the disempowerment of Israeli women.

In response to these needs, one of BJ's Israeli partners, Hamidrasha, the Educational Center for the Renewal of Jewish Life at Oranim Academic College of Education in northern Israel, has just established The Esther Stulman Institute for Jewish Studies. It is named in memory of the late Elga K. Stulman, a former Board Member of BJ as well as of Drisha Institute for Jewish Education (of women) in New York, with which there will be an exchange program.

If you would like more information or would like to become involved with this new institute in any way please contact either Chen Tsfoni, a member of the Hamidrasha faculty and currently a Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow at BJ (tsfoni@gmail.com), Rabbi Felicia Sol (fsol@bj.org), or Stephen Stulman.

Steve Stulman is the Secretary of BJ's Board of Trustees and a pioneer of the BJ-Israeli Partnership.

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

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