



CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN

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KOL JESHURUN

September 12-19, 2008

12-19 Elul, 5768

KI TETZE

TORAH: ANNUAL Deuteronomy 21:10 - 25:19

TRIENNIAL Deuteronomy 21:10 - 23:7

HAFTARAH Isaiah 54:1-10

NEXT WEEK: **KI TAVO**

TORAH: ANNUAL Deuteronomy 26:1 - 29:8

TRIENNIAL Deuteronomy 26:1 - 27:10

HAFTARAH Isaiah 60:1-22

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

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7:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Tze'irim Shabbat Dinner

Following 7:30 PM Service -
88th St. Frankel Hall

Friday Night Off-Broadway:

10:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary (SEE P.2)

Oneg Shabbat with Soul Farm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Shabbat Services

9:30 AM - 86th St.

Bar Mitzvah

Griffin Bassman

Bat Mitzvah

Morgane Stuart

Children's Services

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

Community Kiddush

Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall
(SEE P.2)

Men's Havurah

6:30 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.3)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Komen Race for the Cure Prayer Service

8:00 AM - 88th St.

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: Preparation for Yamim Nora'im*

7:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.3)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

• **A Park Grows on 88th Street**

On Friday, September 19, and continuing through Shabbat, the BJ Environmental Action Hevra will transform a parking-space-sized strip of 88th Street in front of our Sanctuary into an "Oasis in the Asphalt Desert," complete with grass (!), palm trees, and chairs for relaxing and reflecting. It will be one of 50 such mini-parks springing up all over New York City in celebration of Park(ing) Day, a nation-wide event sponsored by Transportation Alternatives, which advocates for green, people-friendly streets. These small, temporary public spaces will provide a breath of relief from the auto-clogged reality of NYC and will call attention to the possibilities and the need for using our streets for people and not only for driving and parking cars.

We invite all members of the congregation to stop by the "park" before or after Kabbalat Shabbat and any time on Saturday for relaxation and "green" conversation. If you would like to help out in planning and constructing the park, or just to hang out with us as hosts for a couple of hours, please contact Gil Kulick at gil_kulick@yahoo.com.

* 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:

- Sara Pasternak Levine, Mathew Levine, and Mimi, Max, and Joseph Pasternak Levine on the death of their niece and cousin, Katie Rachel Pasternak.
- Judy and Michael Steinhardt, Sara Berman, Daniel Steinhardt, and David Steinhardt, and Ellen Abrams and John Stossel, Lauren Stossel and Max Stossel on the death of their mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, Ruth Abrams.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Morgane, Mitchell and Enid Stuart on Morgane becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Griffin, Harley, Lori, Lindsey, Danica and Brennan Bassman on Griffin becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Michael Bendit and Ora Shtull and Carmel, Noa and Amitai Bendit-Shtull on Carmel becoming a Bat Mitzvah at the "Snoa" Synagogue in Curacao (Mikve Israel Emanuel) on August 16.
- Sally Gottesman, Rachel Tiven, and Alice Tiven-Gottesman on the birth of their son and brother, Ezra Zelig Tiven-Gottesman.

- Aviva, Moe and Henry Raichelson on the birth of their daughter and sister, Hannah Yael.
- Barbara, Eric, and Gwen Schwimmer on Gwen's upcoming wedding to Ian Desberg.
- Bonnie Roche and Charles Bronfman on their wedding.
- BJ musician Jessie Reagan and Timothy Mann on their engagement.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is co-sponsored by Enid and Mitchell Stuart in honor of Morgane becoming a Bat Mitzvah, and by BJ in honor of Susan Kippur and Jonathan Adelsberg.
- This week's flowers for the bimah are co-sponsored by Enid and Mitchell Stuart in honor of their daughter, Morgane, becoming a Bat Mitzvah and Lori and Harley, Lindsay, Danica and Brennan Bassman in honor of their son and brother, Griffin, becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Weinstein and Temple Shomer Emunim Confirmation Class, Sylvania, Ohio.

Community Activities

Friday Night Off Broadway: Shabbat at BJ

Friday, September 12, 10:00PM, 88th Street: Extend your Shabbat experience beyond services. The entire BJ community is invited to enjoy dessert and celebrate Shabbat together with Soul Farm, who will perform and lead us in joyful Shabbat song.

Community Kiddush

Saturday, September 13, following Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Social Hall: Please join us for a Community Kiddush in honor of immediate past president of the BJ Board Susan Kippur and new president Jonathan Adelsberg.

Yamim Nora'im 5769

Membership and High Holy Day Information

High Holy Day entrance cards must be picked up in the BJ office beginning September 15. In order for us to provide entrance cards, membership applications must be in our office and date-stamped by the following dates: Rosh Hashanah: Friday, September 12; Yom Kippur: Friday, September 19. Please complete the online membership form at www.bj.org or contact Belinda Lasky, Director of Membership x224, for an application.

Selihot with David Solomon: "The Prophetic Concept of Teshuvah"

Saturday, September 20, 9:45-11:15PM, 88th Street: Please join us as David Solomon speaks about the essence of the prophetic message of teshuvah, providing a historical overview and thematic exploration of the concerns of the nevi'im and their contemporary relevance for individuals and communities. David Solomon is an internationally renowned speaker and scholar across numerous disciplines. He holds degrees in Anthropology, English Literature, Jewish Studies, and Media Broadcasting, and has delivered lectures and courses around the globe in on topics including modern and biblical Hebrew, Kabbalah and Jewish history, anthropology of religion, and conceptual art. A coffee hour will follow and the Selihot service will begin at midnight.

Ushering for Yamim Nora'im 5769

The High Holy Days are quickly approaching, and many ushers are still needed to help ensure that services will be comfortable for all. Participate in this special community experience by filling an empty shift! To volunteer, contact Sarah Verity at sverity@bj.org or x250 by September 12.

Yom Kippur Community Break Fast

Thursday, October 9, following Teki'at Shofar and Havdalah, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us for a community break fast. Visit www.bj.org to register

for adults. Cost is \$35 members/\$40 non-members, and \$15 for children ages 6-12. Space is limited, so register soon to reserve your spot. **The registration deadline is Friday, September 26.** For more information, please contact Yaffa Garber at ygarber@bj.org or x256.

Flower Fund

Each year our High Holy Days services are enhanced by the addition of beautiful flower arrangements. Please contribute to the Flower Fund today to help enhance the beauty and atmosphere of our services. For more information, please contact Judi Scheer at jscheer@bj.org or x229.

Memorial Plaques

We are again offering the members of our community the opportunity to make a special contribution in the memory of your loved ones and have their name permanently inscribed on black granite plaques at the back of the sanctuary. The donation amount to memorialize one person is \$1,400. If you are memorializing a couple, the donation amount is \$2,000. The deadline is Monday, September 15. For more information, please contact Erzsebet Ragyina at x228.

TekiYah—Echoes of the High Holy Days at BJ

Celebrate the Yamim Nora'im with the beautiful and profound music of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This CD features our cantors and rabbis and a cast of acclaimed instrumentalists and singers praying and singing and engaging our hearts. The CD and songbook are \$18.00 each (price does not include shipping and handling). Available at www.bj.org (click on "BJ CDs & Songbooks").

Creating Kehillah

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• Panim el Panim wants to know:

Are you or friends and family facing housing issues?

Are rent increases in rent-stabilized buildings a problem? Is finding affordable housing, or losing yours an issue? Are you/others in your building having problems with the landlord? Whatever the issue, we want to know.

Our BJ Panim el Panim Manhattan Together *Hevra* is part of an interfaith coalition (Manhattan Together) which is fighting for affordable housing. We are now on a BJ fact-finding mission. When we have our information, we can act in our community's interest. Your stories are a vital part of our fact-finding.

Please let us know your issue. Call x432, say "housing issue" and leave your name and phone number, or contact us at panim@bj.org. A *Hevra* member will then contact you to learn the full details of your issue. Remember, your stories are critical as we advocate for change. Your privacy will be respected.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• Frankel Fridays Are Back

Friday, September 12, 10:30-11:30AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join families with babies and toddlers for an informal playgroup in Frankel Hall. We will gather for a light breakfast and some conversation while the children play, and we will conclude with a small Shabbat celebration with challah and juice. Please contact Rebecca Rosenthal at rrosenthal@bj.org or x243 with questions. The Frankel Friday dates for September are September 12 and 26.

• Reach for Shabbat Kickoff for BJHS Dalet and Hey families

Saturday, September 20, 10:30-2:00PM, 86th Street Social Hall: Join other Dalet and Hey students and their families for Junior Congregation followed by the Reach for Shabbat Lunch and Program. To sign up for RFS, or receive more information, contact Elana Ayalon at eyalon@bj.org or x260.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• Tze'irim Cooking for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

Thursday, September 18, 6:00PM, 86th Street: We're mixing it up for September and cooking on Thursday night, which means we'll be at SPSA (86th St. and West End Ave). No cooking experience is necessary, and the cost of groceries will be split among all the volunteers (about \$8-10/person). Contact Dan Sieber at tzvolunteers@yahoo.com for more information.

• Tze'irim Home-Hosted Rosh Hashanah Dinners

Monday, September 29 and Tuesday, September 30, members' homes: Share a catered Rosh Hashanah meal with other 20s and 30s. There is a place for you at one of our dinner tables, whether you've been attending Tze'irim events for years or have never been to a single one. R.S.V.P. to Karen Dunner at karendunner@gmail.com with the following information: name; age; email; home address; dietary restrictions/food allergies; number of people. All guests will split the cost of the meal. The deadline to register is Monday, September 22.

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 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 allows 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.

HAVUROT

• Men's Havurah

Saturday, September 13, 6:30-8:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Please come to our first gathering for a Shabbat Minḥa experience and some davening, some studying and some schnapps. Please bring your favorite whiskey that you would like to share with Marcelo, Yosef (our cantorial intern), Ezra (our MTM Rabbinic Fellow) and everybody else. You just have to be male, whether straight, gay, single, married, or in any other self-definition. The Men's *Havurah* Committee includes Michael Yoeli, Moshe Horn, Chuck Gold, Bob Kanter, Nahum Precel, Jonathan Adelsberg and Marcelo Bronstein. Please respond to ngoodhart@bj.org to let us know you are coming.

BJ BOOK CLUB

• Coming Soon...

The following is a tentative booklist for our upcoming meetings: A.B. Yehoshua, *A Journey to the End of the Millennium—A Novel of the Middle Ages*; Nathan Englander, *Ministry of Special Cases*; Irene Nemirovsky, *Suite Francaise*; Burton Visotzky, *A Delightful Compendium of Consolation: A Fabulous Tale of Romance, Adventure and Faith in the Medieval Mediterranean*. Please watch the *Kol Jeshurun* for more information about dates, times and places. Contact zsucharney@verizon.net or dsdresner@aol.com for further information.

AFFILIATES

• NIForum 2008: INNOVATION! New Strategies for Social Change in Israel

Sunday, September 21, 11:00AM-5:00PM, The Kimmel Center at NYU, 60 Washington Square South: The New Israel Fund's annual symposium, the NIForum, offers progressive supporters of Israel opportunities to interact with the leaders and activists who are shaping contemporary Israeli society. NIF is the leading philanthropy supporting Israeli organizations that work for social and economic justice and religious pluralism. NIForum 2008 will focus on the next wave of social change in Israel. Hear from a new generation of activists using innovative strategies—in the courts, the media, the corporate sector and in communities—to create a more just and equitable Israel. The NIForum will conclude with This Israeli Life, a special program of readings and storytelling on the Israel-Diaspora bond in all its complexity. The opening panel will feature four great speakers: Prof. Naomi Chazan, Moty Cristal, Prof. Ruth Gavison, and Dr. Neta Ziv, and will be moderated by journalist and author David Margolick, contributing editor of Condé Nast Portfolio. Information and registration: www.nif.org/niforum08. Contact niforum@nif.org or 212-613-4400 for more information.

Upcoming Limud

• Preparation for Yamim Nora'im

Rabbi Esther Lederman, Marshall T. Meyer Fellow

3 Wednesdays (remaining class September 17) • 7:00-8:30PM • 88th Street Frankel Hall • Free; registration required at www.bj.org. During the month of Elul, we reflect on the year now past. Traditionally called a *Heshbon Nefesh*—literally an "accounting of the soul"—we ask whether we were our best selves and what is the atonement we are in search of. Often, we find ourselves in a similar place to where we were a year before, struggling to make the change we seek real, angry that we missed the mark yet again. Using stories and texts, we will learn about the difficulty of change, the role of anger, and how we can move together towards repentance and at-one-ment.

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:** You've attended services, you're inspired by social action, and you love the community... now consider joining BJ as a member! With membership packages for local and out-of-town visitors alike, there is one that is right for you. Special new member orientation included! Visit the BJ website, www.bj.org, or contact Belinda Lasky, Director of Membership at x224 or blasky@bj.org for more information.

• **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 please remember to return the devices when you leave.

JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN: Hear the shofar at minyan every morning throughout the month of Elul (until September 28).

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.

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Schedule of Services • High Holy Days 2008/5769

Selihot

Saturday, September 20

Kabbalat Selihot

88th Street Sanctuary	9:45 PM
Coffee Hour	11:15 PM
Service	Midnight

Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 29

First Evening

The Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew (SPSA) 86th Street, 88th Street*	6:30 PM
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Tuesday, September 30

First Day

SPSA 86th Street, 88th Street, Jazz at Lincoln Center (JALC)*	9:00 AM
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Children's Services (ages 0-6)

SPSA 86th Street Social Hall, 88th Street Frankel Hall, JALC	10:30 AM
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Family Service (ages 7-12)

Symphony Space	10:30 AM
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Study followed by Tashlikh

88th Street Sanctuary	4:30 PM
Riverside Park	5:30 PM

Second Evening

88th Street	7:00 PM
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Wednesday, October 1

Second Day

SPSA 86th Street, 88th Street	9:00 AM
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Children's Services (ages 0-6)

SPSA 86th Street Social Hall ONLY	10:30 AM
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Junior Congregation (ages 7-12)

88th Street Frankel Hall	10:30 AM
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Shabbat Shuvah

Friday, October 3

Kabbalat Shabbat

Family Service, 88th Street	6:00 PM
Wandering Minyan, 86th Street Social Hall	6:00 PM
88th Street	7:30 PM

Saturday, October 4

Morning Services

SPSA 86th Street	9:30 AM
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Junior Congregation (ages 7-12)

SPSA 86th Street Social Hall	10:30 AM
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Children's Services (ages 0-6)

SPSA 86th Street Chapel	10:45 AM
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Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 8

Kol Nidre

SPSA 86th Street, 88th Street, JALC*	5:45 PM
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Thursday, October 9

SPSA 86th Street, 88th Street, JALC*	9:00 AM
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Children's Services (ages 0-6)

SPSA 86th Street Social Hall, 88th Street Frankel Hall, JALC	10:30 AM
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Family Service (ages 7-12)

Symphony Space	10:30 AM
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Minhah and Ne'ilah

SPSA 86th Street, 88th Street, JALC*	4:15 PM
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Children's procession

SPSA 86th Street, 88th Street, JALC	6:45 PM
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Teki-at Shofar and Havdalah

SPSA 86th Street, 88th Street, JALC	7:05 PM
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* Based on pre-assigned location for services

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