



CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN

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KOL JESHURUN

September 26-October 3, 2008

26 Elul, 5768-4 Tishrei, 5769

NITZAVIM

TORAH: ANNUAL Deuteronomy 29:9 -30:20

TRIENNIAL Deuteronomy 29:9 -30:20

HAFTARAH Isaiah 61:10 -63:9

NEXT WEEK: **VAYELEKH**

SHABBAT SHUVAH

TORAH: ANNUAL Deuteronomy 31:1 -31:20

TRIENNIAL Deuteronomy 31:1 -31:20

HAFTARAH Hosea 14:2 -10, Joel 2:15-27, Micah 7:18-20

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

7:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Shabbat Services

9:30 AM - 86th St.

Bat Mitzvah

Charlotte Mandler

Children's Services

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

**Community Kiddush
Study with Bella Zuzel**

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

BJHS CLOSED

BJ OFFICE CLOSSES AT 1:00 PM

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

First Evening Service

6:30 PM - 86th St., 88th St.*

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Services

FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH

SEE P. 4 for a complete listing
of all service times and locations

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Services

SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

* Based on pre-assigned location for services

**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE
OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK**

▪ **Math through music!**

Be part of a new six-week program for 3rd and 4th graders to help them learn math while making music. The Ralph Bunche School Partnership will, in addition to its regular math program, be introducing a new component to help students develop their math skills while making music. We're looking for people with basic music skills who are comfortable with numbers (only rudimentary arithmetic skills required). If you can give one hour a week for six weeks, please contact i.richman@att.net for more information.

Announcements

HA-MAKOM YENAHM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to David, Benjamin, and Ariel Fitterman, and their entire family, on the death of their mother and grandmother, Rita Fitterman.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Charlotte, Frederick and Henry Mandler and Paula Katz on Charlotte becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Paula Cohen and Sam Heff on their recent marriage.

YASHER KOAH

- Dr. Paula Rackoff on receiving the Community Service Award from Kateri Residence at their annual benefit.
- Tony Kushner, who was named the first recipient of the Steinberg Distinguished Playwright Award.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week Community Kiddush is co-sponsored by Frederick Mandler and Paula Katz in honor of Charlotte becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Community Activities

Community Kiddush and Shabbat Study

with Bella Zuzel, BJ Director of Social Action/ Social Justice

Saturday, September 27, following the Community Kiddush after Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Parlor: The BJ community are all invited to join Bella Zuzel following Kiddush as she teaches about "Nitzavim and Social Action."

Peace Feast: Faiths Celebrating and Noshing Together

Sunday, November 2, 5:00-7:00PM, 86th Street Social Hall: Building on the community that we established at our Interfaith Break-Fasts and Green Feast, we will gather with Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, and Buddhists to engage in dialogue about peace on many levels, share music, enjoy a variety of traditional breads and spreads, fruit and dessert, and find new friends and old! All ages are welcome. To R.S.V.P., contact peacefeastNY@gmail.com or call the Interfaith Committee at x379. Preference will be given to BJ members until October 15.

Yamim Nora'im 5769

West Side Campaign Against Hunger Kol Nidre Food Drive

Our annual tradition continues as B'nai Jeshurun once again partners with the West Side Campaign Against Hunger (WSCAH) for our annual Kol Nidre food drive. A success each year, we again ask that contributions be made in the form of a check made out to West Side Campaign Against Hunger. There will be drop boxes for checks or envelopes available at Kol Nidre Services. Please do not bring canned goods or other items for donation to services, as for security reasons we cannot accept these packages. If you would like more information about WSCAH, please call Doreen at 212-362-3662.

Membership and High Holy Day Information

Thank you to those members who have joined or renewed in recent weeks. High Holy Day entrance cards must be picked up in the BJ office during business hours. The deadline to receive entrance cards for the holidays has passed. If you are still interested in joining BJ for the holidays, please contact Sarah Verity, Membership Associate, at x250 or sverity@bj.org. While we will make every effort to accommodate last-minute requests, please understand that time constraints may prevent us from providing entrance cards. Those who wish to attend services without entrance cards may attend at Jazz at Lincoln Center.

High Holy Day Location Information

Please be prepared for temperature conditions at all High Holy Day service locations. The air conditioning will be on at 88th Street; please bring a sweater or dress in layers. There is no air conditioning at 86th Street SPSA; please dress comfortably. Your advance preparation will ensure that everyone has a comfortable and meaningful Yamim Nora'im.

Yom Kippur Community Break Fast

The community break fast is filling up. Register soon to reserve your spot. **The registration deadline has been extended one week.** Register adults at www.bj.org. The cost is \$35 members/\$40 non-members, and \$15 for children ages 6-12. 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.

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

Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Heshvan

Facilitated by Rabbis Felicia Sol and Esther Lederman, Marshall T. Meyer Fellow

Sunday, October 26 • Time TBA. Celebrate Rosh Hodesh Heshvan with a day trip to the Mayyim Hayyim Living Waters Community Mikveh and Education Center in Boston. Opened in 2004, Mayyim Hayyim is a unique center for Jewish spirituality and learning that reclaims the ancient tradition of mikveh and reinvents the rituals of immersion to serve the needs of a diverse 21st century Jewish community. After a tour of the mikveh we will enjoy lunch in the area before returning back to New York. Please see the BJ website, www.bj.org, for registration details and costs.

Introduction to Judaism

Rabbi Esther Lederman, Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow

Mondays (October 27-May 25) • 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.) This course offers an overview of the core beliefs, practices, and history of Judaism and the Jewish people. 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. No prior knowledge or experience necessary.

Creating Kehillah

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• BJ Reads

It's time to dust off our storybooks and get ready for a new group of excited but shy first and second graders to begin BJ Reads at P.S. 166. Each year Sandy and Ellen, BJ Reads co-chairs, watch the magic fill the room as each pair of Reading Partners meet, chat, choose a book, then bend over the pages. If you love children and you love to read, please join us Monday or Wednesday morning for one hour between 9:00-10:00AM or 10:00-11:00AM. For more information, contact Sandy at sandyd001@rcn.com or leave a message at x391.

• BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership Volunteers

Want to help a kid feel good about himself?

Want to see a kid's face light up when she gets an idea?

In just one or two hours a week you can make a real difference to an elementary school student. The BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership pairs BJ literacy volunteers one-on-one with 1st-4th graders, and math volunteers with 3rd and 4th graders who need just a little extra attention from you to succeed. You will be amazed at the progress these kids can make with your special guidance. Reading/writing sessions are from 8:50-10:40AM on Tuesdays or from 12:10-2:00PM on Thursdays. Arithmetic sessions will be on Thursdays. The Ralph Bunche School is on West 123rd Street just east of Amsterdam Avenue. **Sessions will begin after the High Holy Days, but now is the time to sign up!** Please contact Rory Butler and Ilene Richman at rbspartnership@bj.org or call x261 for more information.

• BJ Blood Drive

Wednesday, November 19, 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!

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• Junior Congregation

Saturday, October 4, 10:30AM, 86th Street Social Hall: We hope all children in second to seventh grade will join us at our next Shababt morning Junior Congregation on October 4. We are also looking for leaders and participants for 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.

• Sukkah Decorating Party

Sunday, October 12, 10:30-11:30AM, sukkah at 86th Street (rain location, 88th Street Frankel Hall): Join BJ families to help decorate the BJ sukkah. There will be crafts projects for kids of all ages. Contact Rebecca Rosenthal at rrosenthal@bj.org or x243 for more information or to R.S.V.P.

• 6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Program

Saturday, October 18, 9:30-10:30AM, 86th Street Chapel: Join Rabbi Marcelo and Davey Rosen, BJ's Family Educator, for the first 6th grade B'nai Mitzvah learning program of the year. Open to all 6th grade students (and their parents) who will become bar/bat mitzvah at BJ. For more information, contact Davey Rosen at drosen@bj.org or x244

• Torah Reading Class for Parents

8 Mondays beginning October 27, 5:00-6:00PM, location TBD: Have you always wanted to know how to read Torah, but never found a place to learn? We have the class for you! Join us to learn the ins and outs of trope and Torah reading and then put your newfound skills to work in Junior Congregation. No previous Torah reading experience necessary, but you

must be able to read Hebrew. To register, please contact Elana Ayalon at eayalon@bj.org with your name, email address and phone number. Materials fee is \$40 and the class is limited to 10 people.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• Tze'irim Rosh Hashanah Lunch in Central Park

Wednesday, October 1, 1:00PM, Central Park, W. 86th St. entrance: Celebrate the second afternoon of Rosh Hashanah with other 20s and 30s at a picnic in Central Park. Enter at the West 86th Street entrance and you will find us on the left side of the path. (Rain location is at SPSA, 86th St. and West End Ave). Bring a blanket and your lunch, plus a snack or dessert to share. We'll provide the rest. R.S.V.P. to Jenni Goodman at leajoelle462@gmail.com.

• Debate Watch Party

Tuesday, October 7, 7:00 PM, Galapagos Art Space, DUMBO, Brooklyn: On October 7, 2008 millions of viewers will tune into the second U.S. Presidential Debate. Where will you be? Join us at Galapagos Art Space in DUMBO, Brooklyn for one of six Presidential Election Debate Watch Parties across the country. We'll be coming together 200 strong from the NY area—and over 1,000 strong across the nation—to hear Democracy roar on the big screen. Hosted by the AJWS-AVODAH Partnership and local sponsors. B'nai Jeshurun is a co-sponsor of this event. This is a non-political and non-partisan event. More information: Debatewatch2008.blogwatch.com

HAVUROT

• New Caregiver Havurah

A Caregiver Havurah has begun at B'nai Jeshurun. It is a group of people in similar situations who will support each other, be friends during difficult times and provide a safe place for caregivers to talk about their problems while getting emotional support from like people. For more information please contact Susan Landau at viukerville11@verizon.net or 212-663-1109.

AFFILIATES

• Third Annual Sukkahfest

Monday, October 13–Thursday, October 16, Isabella Freedman Retreat Center, Connecticut: This is an amazing opportunity for creative, compelling and outdoor Jewish celebration. Join Rabbi Esther Lederman and Ezra Weinberg, Marshall T. Meyer Fellows, to mark the beginning of Sukkot. Activities include learning with leading Jewish scholars, dining in our sukkah by the lake, hiking the Appalachian Trail, canoeing in the Housatonic River, soaking in the hot tub, and praying in creative and meaningful worship. Open to all ages, singles, couples, and families. More information: www.isabellafreedman.org/sukkahfest \$150 registration; additional for room and board; see website for details. Contact Rabbi Esther Lederman at elederman@bj.org or x264 with questions.

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.

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.

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").

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Schedule of Services • High Holy Days 2008/5769

Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 29

First Evening

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

Tuesday, September 30

First Day

SPSA 86th Street, 88th Street,
Jazz at Lincoln Center (JALC)* 9:00 AM

Children's Services (ages 0-6)

SPSA 86th Street Social Hall, 88th Street Frankel Hall,
JALC10:30 AM

Family Service (ages 7-12)

Symphony Space.....10:30 AM

Study followed by Tashlikh

88th Street Sanctuary4:30 PM
Riverside Park5:30 PM

Second Evening

88th Street7:00 PM

Wednesday, October 1

Second Day

SPSA 86th Street, 88th Street9:00 AM

Children's Services (ages 0-6)

SPSA 86th Street Social Hall ONLY10:30 AM

Junior Congregation (ages 7-12)

88th Street Frankel Hall10:30 AM

Shabbat Shuvah

Friday, October 3

Kabbalat Shabbat

Family Service, 88th Street6:00 PM
Wandering Minyan, 86th Street Social Hall6:00 PM
88th Street7:30 PM

Saturday, October 4

Morning Services

SPSA 86th Street9:30 AM
Junior Congregation (ages 7-12)
SPSA 86th Street Social Hall10:30 AM
Children's Services (ages 0-6)
SPSA 86th Street Chapel10:45 AM

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 8

Kol Nidre

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

Thursday, October 9

SPSA 86th Street, 88th Street, JALC*9:00 AM

Children's Services (ages 0-6)

SPSA 86th Street Social Hall, 88th Street Frankel Hall,
JALC10:30 AM

Family Service (ages 7-12)

Symphony Space.....10:30 AM

Minhah and Ne'ilah

SPSA 86th Street, 88th Street, JALC*4:15 PM

Children's procession

SPSA 86th Street, 88th Street, JALC6:45 PM

Teki-at Shofar and Havdalah

SPSA 86th Street, 88th Street, JALC7:05 PM

* Based on pre-assigned location for services

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