



CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN

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# קול ישורון

## KOL JESHURUN

### HA'AZINU

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Deuteronomy 32:1 - 32:52  
**TRIENNIAL** Deuteronomy 32:1 - 32:52  
**HAFTARAH** II Samuel 22:1-51

NEXT WEEK:

### SHABBAT HOL HAMO'ED SUKKOT

**TORAH:** Exodus 33:12 - 34:26  
**MAFTIR** Numbers 29:23 - 28  
**HAFTARAH** Ezekiel 38:18 - 39:16

### ! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

▪ **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](mailto:rbspartnership@bj.org) or call x261 for more information.

## October 10-17, 2008

## 11-18 Tishrei, 5769

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

**Shabbat Services** 9:30 AM - 86th St.  
**Children's Services** 10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel and Parlor  
**Community Kiddush** Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

**Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM - 88th St.  
**Sukkah Decorating Party** 10:30 AM - 86th St. Sukkah (SEE P.2)

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

BJHS CLOSED • BJ OFFICE CLOSING AT 3:00PM  
**Morning Minyan**

### First Evening Sukkot Services

### SUKKOT—FIRST EVENING

7:30 AM - 88th St.  
6:45 PM - 88th St.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

BJ OFFICE CLOSED  
**Services**

### SUKKOT—FIRST DAY

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

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

BJ OFFICE CLOSED  
**Services**

### SUKKOT—SECOND DAY

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

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

**Morning Minyan**  
**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program**

### HOL HAMO'ED SUKKOT

7:30 AM - 88th St.  
12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

**Morning Minyan**

### HOL HAMO'ED SUKKOT

7:30 AM - 88th St.

### Sukkah at 86th St. Open to the Community:

<b>Monday, October 13</b> ..... 6:00-9:00PM Kiddush following services	<b>Thursday, October 16</b> ..... 6:00-9:00PM
<b>Tuesday, October 14</b> ..12:30-2:30PM and 6:00-9:00PM Kiddush following services	<b>Friday, October 17</b> ...12:30-2:00PM and 6:00-9:00PM Kiddush following services
<b>Wednesday, October 15</b> .....12:30-2:30PM Kiddush following services	<b>Saturday, October 18</b> .....12:30-3:30PM Kiddush following services
	<b>Sunday, October 19</b> .....6:00-9:00PM

## Announcements

### HA-MAKOM YENAHM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our beloved member Ida Brown, and extends sincere condolences to her entire family.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our beloved member Blanche Saia, and extends sincere condolences to her entire family.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our beloved member Stephanie Newman, and extends sincere condolences to Harvey, Alexandra, and Lindsey Newman, and Adam Kofinas.

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to the following members and their families:

- Peggy, James, Henry, and Michelle Edelson on the death of their father, father-in-law, and grandfather, Ralph Silberthau.
- Rebecca Shahmoon Shanok on the death of her beloved sister, Rachel Shahmoon.
- Barbara Schwimmer on the death of her beloved brother, Seymour Yates.
- Lois Bender on the death of her beloved father, Julius Bender.

### MAZAL TOV

- David, Allison, and Liana Feit on the birth of their son and brother, Jesse Riley Feit.

## Community Activities

### ▪ Sukkah Shabbat Teaching

**Saturday, October 18**, following the Community Kiddush, 86th Street Sukkah: Please join us for a teaching by Noam Shany, an Israeli who will speak about how an Israeli bird watcher and a Catholic priest are battling to save the Amazon.

### ▪ Community Kiddush and Shabbat Teaching

**Saturday, October 25**, Please join us for a Community Kiddush in honor of everyone who volunteered during the High Holy Days, and in honor of the new Bikkur Holim volunteers. Following the Kiddush, Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow Rabbi Esther Lederman will give a Bikkur Holim teaching. For more information about Bikkur Holim, please contact Yaffa Garber at ygarber@bj.org or at x256.

### ▪ 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](mailto:peacefeastNY@gmail.com) or call the Interfaith Committee at x379. Preference will be given to BJ members until October 15.

### Lulavim and Etrogim for Sukkot



Over the last few years, we have experienced ever more beautiful and meaningful celebrations of Sukkot at BJ. This is due to the increased number of Lulavim and Etrogim, as well as the many adults and children who participate in the processions around the Sanctuary holding the four species.

This year, once again, we will have the opportunity to order a set of Lulav and Etrog imported from Israel, complete with branches of myrtle and willows. Sets are available at the following locations:

**West Side Judaica**  
2412 Broadway  
(between 88th & 89th Sts.)

**By Special Arrangement**  
585 Amsterdam Ave.  
(at 86th St.)

## Creating Kehillah

### SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

#### ▪ 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!

#### ▪ 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](mailto:i.richman@att.net) for more information.

### YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

#### ▪ Frankel Fridays

**Friday, October 10 and 24**, 10:30-11:30AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join families with babies and toddlers for an informal playgroup. 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. On October 10 we will celebrate Sukkot. Please contact Rebecca Rosenthal at [rosenthal@bj.org](mailto:rosenthal@bj.org) or x243 with questions.

#### ▪ 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 [rosenthal@bj.org](mailto:rosenthal@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](mailto:drosen@bj.org) or x244.

#### ▪ Special Sukkot Junior Congregation

**Saturday, October 18**, 10:30AM, 86th Street Social Hall: We hope all children in second to seventh grade will join us at our next Shabbat morning Junior Congregation. We are also looking for leaders and participants for Junior Congregation. You can sign up on [www.bj.org](http://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](mailto:rosenthal@bj.org) or x243. This Junior Congregation will be followed by Kiddush in the BJ sukkah.

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### ▪ 5th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Program

**Saturday, November 1**, 9:30-10:30AM, 86th Street Chapel: Join Rabbi Felicia and Davey Rosen, BJ's Family Educator, for the first 5th grade B'nai Mitzvah learning program of the year. Open to all 5th grade students (and their parents) who will become bar/bat mitzvah at BJ. For more information, contact Davey Rosen at [drosen@bj.org](mailto:drosen@bj.org) or x244.

### ▪ 6th and 7th Grade Families Cooking for the Shelter

**Tuesday, November 4**, 5:00-6:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: All of BJ's 6th and 7th graders and their families, no matter where the child receives a Jewish education, are invited to prepare a meal for the guests of the shelter. To R.S.V.P., please contact Davey Rosen at [drosen@bj.org](mailto:drosen@bj.org) or x244.

### TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

#### ▪ Dessert In the Sukkah

**Sunday, October 19**, 8:00-10:00PM, 86th Street Sukkah: Catch up with old friends, meet new faces and feast on delicious desserts in the BJ Sukkah. Whether you've been a member for years, or this is your first BJ event, we look forward to seeing you there! Please R.S.V.P. to Carly at [lipkowitz.carly@gmail.com](mailto:lipkowitz.carly@gmail.com) by October 12 and bring some sweets to share.

### ▪ Simhat Torah: Pre-Hakafot L'Hayim

**Tuesday, October 21**, 5:45-6:30PM, 86th Street Board Room: Join Tze'irim for a quick "L'Hayim" before the fun and excitement of the BJ Simhat Torah festivities. We'll meet to mingle, have a L'Hayim (or two), and then head over together to the synagogue for a night of celebration. This is a great way to connect with members of the Tze'irim community! Please R.S.V.P. by October 19 to Abby at [abby.volin@gmail.com](mailto:abby.volin@gmail.com).

### HAVUROT

#### ▪ Men's Havurah

**Saturday, October 18**, 6:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Our first gathering was incredible, with over 60 in attendance. We will again have a Shabbat Minh'a experience with some davening, some studying and some schnapps, followed by Havdalah in our sukkah. Please bring your favorite whiskey that you would like to share with everyone. 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](mailto:ngoodhart@bj.org) to let us know you are coming.

## Upcoming Limud *Please see the BJ website, [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org), for more information and how to register.*

### ▪ Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Heshvan

*Facilitated by Rabbi 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](http://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.

### ▪ The Book of Exodus

*Rabbi Hillel Friedman*

**Tuesdays** (October 28-May 26) • 8:30-9:30AM • 88th Street • \$100 members/\$150 non-members. Using both traditional and modern commentaries, the class will study the Book of Exodus (in translation). Rabbi Hillel Friedman, a longtime member of our community, has been teaching adult courses at BJ for the past seven years.

### ▪ Myth or Reality: Finding Truth in Religious Life

**A Class for Tze'irim (20s and 30s)**

*Rabbi Felicia L. Sol*

**4 Tuesdays** (October 28, November 4, 11, 18) • 7:00-9:00PM • Rabbi Sol's home; register for address • Free; registration required. Who wrote the Bible? Was there an Exodus? Does the God of the Torah operate in our world today? Often we are confronted with knowledge and scholarship that contradicts our understanding of Judaism or what we've been taught since we were children. How can religious life hold up to the test of scholarship? How can our mind and our soul not be in conflict? Join as we explore these issues together. Please register early, space is limited.

### ▪ Abraham Joshua Heschel's Heavenly Torah

*Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon*

**7 Wednesdays** (October 29, November 5, 12, 19, December 3, 10, 17; 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, recently translated into English, explores the polarity in Judaism between transcendence and immanence, and between mysticism and rationalism. Please bring the book to class (available in paperback); no photocopies will be distributed. New participants are welcome.

### ▪ Parashat Hashavu'a: Study of the Weekly Torah Portion

*Ezra Weinberg, Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow*

**Thursdays** (October 30-May 28) • 7:00-8:30PM • BJ Office, Conference Room 1 • Free for members/\$150 for the year for non-members. A Hasidic story teaches that Moses wanted to reveal more Torah to the people, but God refused, wanting to give the people a sense that there is something hidden among the words for them to discover. This story's implicit message is that we have the power to reveal the hidden parts of Torah. In this class, as we study the weekly Torah portion with the aid of both ancient and modern interpretations we will reveal its many layers and find ourselves reflected in its stories and teachings.

## 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](http://www.bj.org), or contact Belinda Lasky, Director of Membership at x224 or [blasky@bj.org](mailto: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:** See updated information about the Morning Minyan at [www.bj.org/schedule.php](http://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.

# Sukkot-Simhat Torah 5769

## Schedule of Services • Sukkot-Simhat Torah 2008/5769

### Sukkot

**Monday, October 13**

#### First Evening

88th Street .....6:45 PM  
Kiddush, Sukkah at 86th Street .....following Services

**Tuesday, October 14**

#### First Day

88th Street .....9:30 AM

#### Children's Services

88th Street Frankel Hall .....10:45 AM  
Kiddush, Sukkah at 86th Street .....following Services

#### Second Evening

88th Street .....6:45 PM  
Kiddush, Sukkah at 86th Street .....following Services

**Wednesday, October 15**

#### Second Day

88th Street .....9:30 AM

#### Children's Services

88th Street Frankel Hall .....10:45 AM  
Kiddush, Sukkah at 86th Street .....following Services

**Friday, October 17**

#### Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot Evening

88th Street .....6:00 PM  
88th Street .....7:30 PM

**Saturday, October 18**

#### Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Sukkot Day Services

SPSA 86th Street .....9:30 AM

#### Junior Congregation

86th Street Social Hall .....10:30 AM

#### Children's Services

SPSA 86th Street Chapel .....10:45 AM  
Kiddush, Sukkah at 86th Street .....following Services

### Hoshana Rabbah

**Monday, October 20**

#### Morning Service

88th Street .....7:30 AM

### Shemini Atzeret

**Monday, October 20**

#### Evening Service

88th Street .....6:45 PM

**Tuesday, October 21**

#### Morning Services (Yizkor)

88th Street .....9:30 AM

#### Children's Services

88th Street Frankel Hall .....10:45 AM

### Simhat Torah

**Tuesday, October 21**

#### Erev Simhat Torah

#### Family Service

88th Street Frankel Hall .....6:00 PM

88th Street .....6:45 PM

**Wednesday, October 22**

#### Morning Services

88th Street .....9:30 AM

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