



CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN

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קול ישורון

KOL JESHURUN

BERESHIT

MEVARKHIM HAHOESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 1:1 - 6:8

TRIENNIAL Genesis 2:4 - 4:26

HAFTARAH Isaiah 42:5 - 43:10

NEXT WEEK: **NOAH**

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 6:9 - 11:32

TRIENNIAL Genesis 8:15 - 10:32

HAFTARAH Isaiah 54:1 - 55:5

! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY

• **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!

October 24-31, 2008

25 Tishrei-2 Heshvan, 5769

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

BJHS Gan, Aleph and Bet Class Family Dinner

Following 6:00 PM Service - 88th St. Frankel Hall

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

7:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Shabbat Services

9:30 AM - 86th St.

Children's Services

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

Community Kiddush Honoring High Holy Day and Bikkur Holim Volunteers Study with Rabbi Esther Lederman

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

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: Introduction to Judaism*

7:00 PM - 88th St. this week only; returns to BJ Office next week (SEE P.3)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: The Book of Exodus*

8:30 AM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

Limud: Myth or Reality: Finding Truth In Religious Life*

7:00 PM (SEE P.3)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: Heschel's Heavenly Torah*

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

Limud: Rosh Hodesh Women's Group*

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

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 (SEE P.3)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

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

Announcements

HA-MAKOM YENAH^{EM}

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our beloved member Marian Weinman, and we extend our sincere condolences to her entire family.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Adam Grossman, Barb Gelb and Celia Mutchnick and Confirmation Class, Temple Israel, Memphis, Tennessee.
- Rabbis Dennis and Sandy Sasso and Confirmation Class, Congregation Beth-el Zedeck, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Community Activities

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 and continuing 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.

Creating Kehillah

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

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.

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.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

Frankel Fridays

Friday, October 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. Please contact Rebecca Rosenthal at rrosenthal@bj.org or x243 with questions.

Junior Congregation

Saturday, November 1, 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; 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.

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 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 or x244.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

Havdalah Shabbat Celebration

Saturday, November 8, 4:00PM, 86th Street Parlor Room: Tze'irim will host a Seudah Shlishit (third meal) and Havdalah celebration filled with games, music, learning, and good food. Bring your favorite board game and a light snack to share, and enjoy time playing and moving from activity to activity at your leisure. No R.S.V.P. required; feel free to bring friends. Questions? Contact shabbatwithoutchairs@yahoo.com.

• **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.

• **Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Heshvan**

Facilitated by Rabbi Esther Lederman, Marshall T. Meyer Fellow

Wednesday, October 29 • 7:00PM • 88th Street • 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 also bring a dairy/vegetarian kosher snack to share.

• **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.

• **Contemplative Practice at BJ: Creating Space for Quiet**

Rabbis Marcelo R. Bronstein and Rachel Cowan

7 Tuesdays (November 4, 11, 18, 25, December 2, 9, 16) • 7:00–9:00PM • 88th Street Sanctuary • Free; registration required. The core of many religions is a contemplative practice involving meditation, reflection, deep listening and cultivation of loving-kindness, compassion, truthfulness and clarity. BJ has been in the forefront of renewing this tradition in a synagogue setting. This class combines regular practice for experience meditators with instruction suited for beginners. Rabbi Rachel Cowan received her rabbinic ordination from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and is the author of *Growing up Yanqui* and co-author with the late Paul Cowan of *Mixed Blessings*. She is the Director of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality.

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: 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.

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 Jack Ritzutko at jrizutko@bj.org for further information.