



CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN

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קול ישורון  
KOL JESHURUN

**NOAH**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Genesis 6:9 - 11:32

**TRIENNIAL** Genesis 8:15 - 10:32

**HAFTARAH** Isaiah 54:1 - 55:5

NEXT WEEK: **LEKH LEKHA**

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Genesis 12:1 - 17:27

**TRIENNIAL** Genesis 14:1 - 15:21

**HAFTARAH** Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16

**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY**

▪ **An Inconvenient Truth & Beyond: A Call for Action Live Multimedia Presentation and Panel Discussion**

**Wednesday, November 12**, 6:30, 88th Street: Join us! Paul Reale, a climate change expert who was personally trained by Al Gore, will present on the dangers of global climate change, including the updated slideshow featured in the Oscar-winning documentary *An Inconvenient Truth*. This will be followed by a panel discussion on New York legislative priorities to address the global climate crisis and other environmental issues affecting our city, featuring Transportation Alternatives, Solar 1, Environmental Advocates of NY, Senator Eric Schneiderman and the Mayor's Office of Long-term Planning and Sustainability. Learn how the recent elections will affect efforts to combat climate change, and find out what each of us can do, personally and together, to address this problem.

**October 31-November 7, 2008**

**2-9 Heshvan, 5769**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31**

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

6:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

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7:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

**Shabbat Services**

9:30 AM - 86th St.

**Bat Mitzvah**

Alison Schalop

**5th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Program**

9:30 AM - 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)

**Junior Congregation**

10:30 AM - 86th St. Social Hall

**Children's Services**

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

**Post-Junior Congregation Lunch for 3rd and 4th Grade Families**

Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

**Minha**

5:45 PM - 88th St.

**Bar Mitzvah**

Braden Bochner

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

*Daylight Saving Time begins*

**Morning Minyan**

9:30 AM - 88th St.

**Peace Feast**

5:00 PM - 86th St. (SEE P.2)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 88th St.

**Limud: Introduction to Judaism\***

7:00 PM - BJ Office (SEE P.3)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

**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, NOVEMBER 5**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 88th St.

**Limud: Heschel's Heavenly Torah\***

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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

**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, NOVEMBER 7**

**Morning Minyan**

7:30 AM - 88th St.

\* Please see the BJ website, [www.bj.org](http://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:

- Aviva, Maurice, Henry, and Hannah Raichelson on the death of their beloved grandmother and great-grandmother, Pola Zuckerman.
- David Slavin, Bari Moss, and Sophie and Stella Moss-Slavin on the death of their beloved mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, Alberta Slavin.

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Alison, Lee, Lisa, Samantha and David Schalop on Alison becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

- Braden, Stephen, Lisa, Michael and Stephanie Bochner on Braden becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Jeanne and Shane Lipson, and Nina and Marvin Levin on the birth of their sons and grandsons, Marshall Ethan and Ross Theodore.
- Ivy and David Schreiber on the birth of their son, Brady Solomon.
- Cindy Levy on her niece Brenna Michelle Levy becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rebecca Rosenthal and the Derekh Torah Class from the 92nd Street Y.

## Community Activities

### Peace Feast: Faiths Celebrating and Noshing Together

**Sunday, November 2**, 5:00PM, 86th Street Social Hall: This event is now filled to capacity. If you have signed up, please join us in the Social Hall at 86th Street.

### Congregational Meeting

**Thursday, November 13**, 7:30PM, 88th Street: Please join us for the first of two congregational conversations with the Rabbis. These conversations will allow the Rabbis to discuss the progress of projects and visions that were shared at last year's annual meeting. Coffee and dessert will be served.

## Creating Kehillah

### SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

#### SIGN UP NOW: Blood Drive at BJ

*It does not hurt! People are often reluctant to give because they are afraid and think it will be painful or unpleasant but it really isn't any of those things. It is really easy and is a small thing each of us can do to be a big help to somebody else.*

**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! Please contact TrudiL531@aol.com or call x373 and leave a message with your name, phone number, and best time slot for you. Either Trudi Levine or Sharon Messitte will return your call. Go to [www.bj.org/blooddrive](http://www.bj.org/blooddrive) for information about how you can prepare to donate and learn about any restrictions that may apply.

#### Judith Bernstein Lunch Program Volunteers Needed

Time on your hands? Consider using your time and hands to volunteer with the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program. Due to the current economic downturn, we have experienced a large increase in the number of people who depend on us for lunch each Thursday. Every Thursday we welcome over 100 guests at BJ for a nutritious, five-course sit down meal. We welcome families with children, homeless men and women, seniors unable to cook for themselves, and members of the working poor, regardless of age, gender, religion, ethnicity, or background. Our guests are individually addressed, personally welcomed, and served with kindness, dignity, respect and generosity. **Volunteers are needed for all shifts: Wednesday from 5:00-7:00PM, and Thursday from 9:00-10:30AM and 11:30AM-1:30PM.** For more information, please contact Susan Samuels at [ssamuels@aol.com](mailto:ssamuels@aol.com).

### YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

#### 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.

#### 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](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.

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

**Tuesday, November 4**, 5:00-6:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Even on Election Day, people don't have a place to sleep or a place to get a healthy, hot meal. Please sign up for 90 minutes at the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter and show the candidates how we are already making a difference in our neighborhood! All of BJ's 6th and 7th graders and their families, no matter where the child receives a Jewish education, are invited.

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

#### Touch Football

**Sunday, November 2**, 2:00-5:00PM, Central Park's Great Hill (106th St. on the West Side): Nothing says fall more than tossing around the pigskin (a kosher one). We are going to invade Central Park for touch football. Come to play or cheer on your friends. R.S.V.P. to [abby.volin@gmail.com](mailto:abby.volin@gmail.com).

#### Se'udah Shlishit and Havdalah 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](mailto:shabbatwithoutchairs@yahoo.com).

### HAVUROT

#### Men's Havurah

**Saturday, November 22**, 5:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: You are invited to a Melave Malka-Havdalah experience. We are going to escort Shabbat on

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her way out via singing, eating, and studying. We have a very special guest, Israel Campbell, who is going to teach from the Torah of humor. 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 Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein. R.S.V.P. to [ngoodhart@bj.org](mailto:ngoodhart@bj.org) or x240.

### AFFILIATES

#### ▪ Sulha Benefit Concert for Peace

**Saturday, November 8**, 7:00PM, 86th Street: Join us for the first annual Sulha Benefit Concert for Peace. Sulha is a non-profit organization working to develop a culture of peaceful co-existence and equality among Israelis, Arabs, Jews and Muslims. The concert will celebrate and bring together a group of ethnically and religiously diverse musicians and speakers from all over the world, including Sulha Peace Project founder Gabriel Meyer Halevy,

actress Debra Winger, Rumi poetry expert Coleman Barks, spiritual leader Gabriel Cousens, MD, Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein, and Dr. Abdulaziz Sachedina, renowned scholar of Islamic law and theology. Also featuring musicians Vishal Vaid, Hassan Hakmoun, Basya Schecter, Parashakti, Shahid Habib, and many more. Tickets: \$45 advance purchase, \$50 day of show, \$100 VIP. More info: [www.globesonics.com/sulhapeace](http://www.globesonics.com/sulhapeace).

#### ▪ 2nd Annual Other Israel Film Festival

**Thursday, November 6–Thursday, November 13**, varied daily schedule, JCC in Manhattan and other locations: Please see the full schedule at [www.otherisrael.org/films](http://www.otherisrael.org/films). One film recommended is *The Boys from Lebanon*. It will be shown on November 11 and 12 and is directed by Ohad Ofaz, the brother-in-law of friends of Marshall T. Meyer Fellow Chen Ben Or Tsfoni, who hosted some of this summer's BJ travelers.

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

#### ▪ Introduction to Judaism

**Rabbi Esther Lederman, Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow**

**Mondays** (through 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** (through 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** (remaining classes 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** (remaining classes 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 Hashavua: Study of the Weekly Torah Portion

**Ezra Weinberg, Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow**

**Thursdays** (through 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.

#### ▪ Spiritual Practices for Times of Uncertainty

**Rabbis Marcelo R. Bronstein and Rachel Cowan**

**6 Tuesdays** (November 11, 18, 25, December 2, 9, 16) • 7:00–9:00PM • 88th Street Sanctuary • Free; registration required. During these sessions we will explore and expand in a contemplative way some of the Jewish practices we spoke about during the Yamim Nora'im: Kehillah—community; Tefillah—prayer; Shabbat; Kashrut; Lashon Ha Tov—positive speech; Tzimtzum—contraction. 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](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.

### 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](http://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 Ritzko at [jrizutko@bj.org](mailto:jrizutko@bj.org) for further information.