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KOL JESHURUN

HAYYEI SARAH

MEVARKHIM HAHODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 23:01 - 25:18

TRIENNIAL Genesis 24:10 - 24:52

- 1: 24:10 - 24:14
- 2: 24:15 - 24:20
- 3: 24:21 - 24:26
- 4: 24:27 - 24:33
- 5: 24:34 - 24:41
- 6: 24:42 - 24:49
- 7: 24:50 - 24:52
- Maftir: 24:50 - 24:52

HAFTARAH I Kings 1:01 - 31

NEXT WEEK: **TOLDOT**

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 25:19 - 28:09

TRIENNIAL Genesis 26:23 - 27:27

HAFTARAH Malakhi 1:01 - 02:07

! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY

• 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 or 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) 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 email 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.

November 21-28, 2008

23 Heshvan-1 Kislev, 5769

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Shabbat B'Yahad Dinner with
Teacher-in-Residence Jeffrey Goldberg
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:00 PM - 86th St. Social Hall
Following 6:00 PM Service -
88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)
7:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Shabbat Services 9:30 AM - 86th St.
Bat Mitzvah Sophie Bokor
Bar Mitzvah Jonathan Nachmany

Children's Services
Community Kiddush

10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel and Parlor
Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

Teacher-in-Residence Jeffrey Goldberg
Men's Havurah

4:00 PM - 86th St. Social Hall (SEE P.2)
5:30 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th St.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.
Limud: Introduction to Judaism** 7:00 PM - BJ Office

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.
Limud: The Book of Exodus 8:30 AM - 88th St.
Limud: Spiritual Practices for Times 7:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.3)
of Uncertainty*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM - 88th St.
Limud: Heschel's Heavenly Torah* No class this week (SEE P.3)
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 7:00 PM - 86th St. (SEE P.2)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

BJ OFFICE CLOSED • BJHS CLOSED
Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program Cancelled this week
Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a No class this week

Thanksgiving Day

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

BJ OFFICE CLOSED
Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - 88th St.

ROSH HODESH KISLEV

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

** Please note that registration for this class is now closed.

Announcements

HA-MAKOM YENAHM

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

- Renee Schlesinger Vaccaro, and Vincent, Jeanne and Benjamin Vaccaro on the death of their beloved father, father-in-law, and grandfather, Walter Kramer.
- Evelyn Lewis-Enright on the death of her beloved great-uncle, Alec Baz.
- Mimi Lox on the death of her beloved aunt, Lillian Friedman.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Jonathan, Avi, Michal, Ruth and Tamar Nachmany on Jonathan becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Sophie, Peter and Livia Bokor and Jeannie Blaustein on Sophie becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Susan Landau and Thomas Reiner on the birth of their grandson, Ezekiel Adin Jaffe.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's flowers for the bimah are sponsored by Jeannie Blaustein and Peter and Livia Bokor in honor of their daughter and sister, Sophie Bokor, becoming a Bat Mitzvah and by Michal, Avi, Ruthie and Tamar Nachmany in honor of their son and brother, Jonathan Nachmany, becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Avi and Michal Nachmany in honor of Jonathan becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

YASHER KOAH

- To the Environmental Action Hevra for a successful community event. Over 200 people came out on November 12 to talk about what we can do about global climate change.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Jeff Sacks and Confirmation Class, Temple Rodef Shalom, Falls Church, Virginia.

Community Activities

• Shabbat Dinner and Teaching with Teacher-in-Residence Jeffrey Goldberg

Jeffrey Goldberg is a national correspondent for *The Atlantic*. Before joining *The Atlantic* in 2007, he was Middle East and Washington correspondent for the *New Yorker*. His book *Prisoners* was hailed as one of the best books of 2006. Goldberg is the recipient of the 2003 National Magazine Award for Reporting for his coverage of Islamic terrorism, as well as the 2005 Anti-Defamation League Daniel Pearl Prize.

Shabbat B'Yahad: Friday, November 21, following the 6:00PM service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Please join the BJ community for our first Teacher-in-Residence Shabbat dinner of the year, as Jeffrey Goldberg speaks about "Terrorism, Extremism and the Diminishing Chance for Peace: A Personal Story," and his time as both a soldier and reporter among the Palestinians and across the lands of Islam. Cost for dinner: \$35 members/\$40 non-members. To sign up for the dinner, visit www.bj.org or contact Guy at x255.

Shabbat Afternoon Teaching: Saturday, November 22, 4:00-5:30PM, 86th Street Social Hall: Please join us as Jeffrey Goldberg and BJ member Jonathan Rosen discuss the election and the future of the Middle East. Free, no registration necessary. Contact Elizabeth Stone at x233 for more information.

• Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 26, 7:00PM, hosted by SPSA, 86th Street: Join with our neighbors of all faith traditions to give thanks on the eve of Thanksgiving. There will be a light reception after the service. Clergy from several churches and synagogues will be participating. Please bring checks made out to the West Side Campaign Against Hunger. For more information, please contact Rabbi Esther Lederman at elederman@bj.org or x264.

• Creating Community: Invitation to a Conversation

Tuesday, December 2-Thursday, December 11: What are you looking for in the BJ community? How can we build community in a large congregation? Join us for a series of house meetings to discuss these issues with other members of the BJ community—we want to hear from you! We will be holding six meetings in members' homes between December 2-11 (special meeting for Hebrew School families on Monday, December 8; post-Hebrew School supervision provided). Register for one of these conversations by contacting Yaffa Garber at ygarter@bj.org or x256 by Monday, November 24. Space is limited.

• BJ Book Club

Saturday, December 6, 2:00PM: Join the BJ book group to discuss Irene Nemirovsky's *Suite Francaise*. Please contact zsucharney@verizon.net or dsdresner@aol.com for location or with any questions.

• Morning Minyan: BJ Jew-ry Duty

In order to ensure that we have a minyan every day in support of mourners and others in our community who are saying Kaddish, we ask that we can count on you as part of our Morning Minyan once a year. Every BJ member receives a postcard in the mail which give details about when and where to attend minyan. Please make every effort to attend—you'll meet new people and do a mitzvah. For more information about Morning Minyan, please visit the BJ website, www.bj.org.

• New Member Orientation Programs

Calling all new members! If you joined BJ in the past few months, be sure to register for one of our two remaining New Member Orientation programs in December or January. Don't miss this great opportunity to meet others who have joined at the same time and learn how to get involved in the many exciting programs at BJ. Register quickly as space is limited. Contact Sarah Verity at sverity@bj.org or x250 for more information, or to register.

• Every Person Has a Name Initiative

Just in case you don't know everybody in our community, we are trying a new initiative to get to know more people by their names. As you have heard recently at Friday night services, when you say "Shabbat Shalom" to another person, simply add your name, too! Please see page 4 of this *Kol Jeshurun* for a source of inspiration for this initiative, a poem by Zelda, translated from Hebrew, entitled "Every Person Has a Name."

• Healing Resources: A New Bikkur Holim Project

The Bikkur Holim Committee is undertaking a new project: to collect short descriptions from our congregants about what Jewish traditions and practices they found helpful when facing serious physical or emotional illness. Both those who have been ill and those who have been caregivers are invited to contribute. When facing serious illness, many of us yearn for spiritual support but feel too overwhelmed or too afraid to seek it out. Our project is designed to fill this gap. To learn more or to contribute, contact Susan Kaplow, a member of the BH Committee, at 518-281-4133 or susankaplow@earthlink.net. Confidentiality will be strictly maintained in collecting the material.

Creating Kehillah

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• 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 week 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 sssamuels@aol.com.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• 5th Grade Families Cooking for the Shelter

Tuesday, December 2, 5:00–6:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: BJ's 5th graders and their families, no matter where the child receives their 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.

• 4th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Parent Orientation

Wednesday, December 3, 7:00–9:00PM, 88th Street: Parents of children in 4th grade, or whose birthdates fall between September 1998 and December 1999, are invited to take the first step on their family's bar/bat mitzvah journey. For questions and to R.S.V.P., please contact Davey Rosen at drosen@bj.org or x244.

• 6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Program

Saturday, December 6, 9:30–10:30AM, 86th Street Chapel: Join Rabbi Roly for an exciting hour of learning. This program is for all 6th graders (and their parents) who will become bar/bat mitzvah at BJ. Questions? Contact Davey Rosen, drosen@bj.org or x244.

• Kids' Purim Play 2009 Auditions, Rehearsal, Lunch and Activity

Sunday, January 4, 11:00AM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Anyone Kindergarten and above is invited to join us for an entire cast rehearsal/activity to kick things off for our 2009 season! AUDITIONS: After lunch (approximately

12:30PM), children in grades K, 1 and 2 will be able to leave for the day and 3rd graders and older should stay for auditions. Kids will read from the script provided that day. If you would like to sing, please have a short song prepared *a cappella*. Please see full play details on the BJ website, www.bj.org. Questions? Contact Michael at kelberg@aol.com, Subject: PURIM

HAVUROT

• Men's Havurah

Saturday, November 22, 5:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: You are invited to a Havdalah/Melave Malka experience. We are going to escort Shabbat on 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 or x240.

AFFILIATES

• Avraham Burg in Conversation With Omer Bartov

Monday, December 1, 7:00PM, New York Public Library, Humanities and Social Sciences Library. Fifth Avenue at 42nd Street, South Court Auditorium: Modern-day Israel and the Jewish community are strongly influenced by the memory and horrors of Hitler and the Holocaust. In his book, *The Holocaust is Over; We Must Rise From Its Ashes*, Avraham Burg argues that the Jewish nation has been traumatized and has lost the ability to trust itself, its neighbors, or the world around it. Historian Omer Bartov, author of *Hitler's Army: Soldiers, Nazis, and War in the Third Reich*, will be in conversation with Avraham Burg to address some of these claims. Cost: \$15 general admission, \$10 library donors, seniors and students with valid identification.

• BJ Member Emily Benedek Honored at

The Center for Children's Poetry and Literature

Thursday, December 4, 4:00–6:00PM, Fordham University Graduate School of Education, McMahon Hall Lounge, 155 W. 60th Street: The Annual Holiday Literary Tea honors four outstanding children's authors and artists. BJ member Bobbye Goldstein is Director of the Center for Children's Poetry and Literature. Free; pre-registration required by December 1 to 212-873-1339 or mothergoose1@att.net.

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

• Spiritual Practices for Times of Uncertainty

Rabbis Marcelo R. Bronstein and Rachel Cowan

6 Tuesdays (remaining classes November 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 Executive Director of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality.

• Abraham Joshua Heschel's Heavenly Torah

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

7 Wednesdays (no class Thanksgiving week; remaining classes December 3, 10, 17) • 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.

Davening Workshop: Growing from Participant to Leader

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

3 Tuesdays (December 2, 9, 16) • 7:00–8:30PM • BJ Office, Conference Room #1 • Free; registration required. Have you come to a place where you would like to not only participate in tefillah but have the possibility of leading tefillah (be it a shiva minyan or morning minyan)? Come to this davening workshop to understand the basic structure of the morning and evening weekday service and to learn the nusah. Each evening will have a learner's Ma'ariv minyan. Participants must be capable of reading Hebrew. Please register early, space is limited.

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. If you are interested in receiving a weekly minyan email, please contact Ari Priven at apriven@bj.org.

Book Review: *Prisoners A Muslim and a Jew across the Middle East Divide*

By Jeffrey Goldberg

Alfred A. Knopf 2006

By Robin Fleischer

In anticipation of Jeffrey Goldberg's arrival at BJ as a visiting scholar this Shabbat, I read *Prisoners*, the riveting account of his nuanced love affair with Israel, marked by his passionate embrace of a Jewish State and his quest to find a path to understanding with Palestinians. Bullied by anti-Semitic kids in the religiously mixed Long Island community of his childhood, Goldberg became an ardent Zionist in the 1970s on a trip with his secular family to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah in Israel and over summers spent in a Catskills Zionist summer camp. In the middle of his senior year in college he abruptly dropped out (after earning the position of editor of *The Daily Pennsylvanian* at the University of Pennsylvania, no less) and moved to Israel. Goldberg joined the Israeli army and served as a military police officer during the First Intifada, guarding Palestinian prisoners at an infamous prison camp, Ketziot, with the mixed feelings of a compassionate soul. In the course of his guard duties, he developed an unusual friendship with one of his Palestinian prisoners, Rafiq Hijazi, a well read Muslim college math teacher and a member of the PLO who "was the only Palestinian I could find in Ketziot who understood the moral justification for Zionism. For his part, I might have been the only soldier he met who didn't deny the existence of misfortune in Palestinian history."

Ultimately, Goldberg returned to the United States and became a prominent journalist, continuing to visit Israel as a correspondent for *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times Magazine*, and *The Atlantic Monthly*. The heart of *Prisoners* is Goldberg's quest to reconcile with Rafiq later in his life, motivated by the hope that if a Muslim and a Jew could see the humanity in each other they could be a model for their two peoples to coexist.

The "Focus on Israel" column is edited by Robin Fleischer, a Vice President of BJ's Board of Trustees and Co-Chair of BJ's Israel Steering Committee.

Focus on Israel

Every person has a name

By Zeldá

Every person has a name
given to him by God
given to him by his father and mother.

Every person has a name
given to him by the constellations,
given to him by his neighbours.

Every person has a name
given to him by his holidays,
given to him by his toil.

Every person has a name
given to him by his height and shape of his smile
given to him by his fabric

Every person has a name
given to him by his sins,
given to him by his longing/yearning.

Every person has a name
given to him by the seasons,
given to him by his blindness.

Every person has a name
given to him by the mountains
given to him by his walls.

Every person has a name
given to him by his enemies,
given to him by his love.

Every person has a name
given to him by the sea,
given to him by his death.

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