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Sukkah at 86th St. Open to the Community:

Saturday, October 3.....12:30-2:30PM

Sunday, October 4.....12:30-2:30PM

Monday, October 5.....11:00AM-1:00PM
and 6:00-9:00PM

Tuesday, October 6.....11:00AM-1:00PM
and 6:00-9:00PM

Wednesday, October 7.....11:00AM-1:00PM
and 6:00-9:00PM

Thursday, October 8.....11:00AM-1:00PM

! FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE

Kabbalat Shabbat Service: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME! Beginning **Friday, October 16**, the early service will start at 5:45PM and the late service will start at 7:30PM, both at 88th Street.

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.) 212-362-7846	By Special Arrangement 575 Amsterdam Ave. (at 86th St.) 212-721-1311
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October 2-9, 2009

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

Tot Shabbat
Shabbat and First Evening Sukkot Service
Community Kiddush

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Shabbat and First Day Sukkot Services
Speaker

Junior Congregation
Children's Services
Community Kiddush

Second Evening Sukkot Service
Community Kiddush

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Second Day Sukkot Services
Children's Services
Community Kiddush

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

Morning Minyan

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Morning Minyan

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Morning Minyan

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

Morning Minyan
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program
BJ & JDate Sukkot Party
Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Hoshanah Rabbah Morning Services

14-21 Tishrei, 5770

SUKKOT—FIRST EVENING

5:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary (SEE P.2)
7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
Following Services – Sukkah at 86th St.

SUKKOT—FIRST DAY

9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary
Ahmed al-Mukhaini,
"A Muslim's View of the Muslim World"
(also at 6:00 PM; SEE P.2)
10:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall
10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor
Following Services – Sukkah at 86th St.

7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
Following Services – Sukkah at 86th St.

SUKKOT—SECOND DAY

9:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary
10:45 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Following Services – Sukkah at 86th St.

HOL HAMO'ED SUKKOT

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7:30 AM – 88th St.
12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
7:00 PM – 86th St. Sukkah (SEE P.3)
7:00 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.3)

HOSHANAH RABBAH

7:30 AM – 88th St.

! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

• Shelter Volunteers Needed!

The BJ/SPSA Shelter needs your help. We need more sleepover shift volunteers for the new year. Can you pick one night a month to help us provide a safe and welcoming environment for our shelter guests? If enough kind-hearted people volunteer, we could all sleep more soundly. For more information, contact Anne Millman at anniemill@aol.com or x340.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Project HiBuR participants from Haifa, Israel and Congregation Beth El of Sudbury, Massachusetts.
- Rabbi Sue Shankman and Confirmation Class, Washington Hebrew Congregation, Washington, D.C.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Unique Presentation at BJ: "A Muslim's View of the Muslim World"

Saturday, October 3, following Shabbat morning/First Day of Sukkot services, and at 6:00PM before the Second Evening Sukkot service: Ahmed al-Mukhaini from the Sultanate of Oman, an independent researcher in Inter-faith and Inter-Civilization Dialogue, former Assistant General Secretary of Oman's Shura Council, and past political advisor and assistant to two American Ambassadors in Oman, will make a brief presentation in the morning and will expand and answer questions in the evening, to be followed by the Second Evening Sukkot service at 7:00PM.

• 4th Annual Sukkahfest

Friday, October 2–Monday, October 5, Isabella Freedman Retreat Center: Surround yourself with fall foliage and friends during this glorious harvest festival. Dine, celebrate, and sing in our lakeside sukkah, open your heart with yoga and meditation, or simply relax. Share in the bounty of the local organic farm, tour the farm itself, hike the surrounding hills and take a canoe out on the lake. Co-sponsored by BJ Tze'irim. For more information and to register, visit www.isabellafreedman.org/sukkahfest, call 800-398-2630, or contact Greg Schwartz, gregg.schwartz@gmail.com.

• Community Networking Event

Wednesday, October 14, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us for an exciting first time ever "kickoff" community networking event. We will hear from one of the rabbis, explore private businesses run by BJ members, learn about networking and current trends in different business fields and, of course, network, network, network! BJ members ONLY are welcome to attend by R.S.V.P. to Les Judd at Les@greenboroughs.com.

• Hevra Kadisha Study Session: The Ins and Outs of a Shiva Call

Thursday, October 15, 7:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: BJ's Hevra Kadisha Committee (comforting mourners) invites the entire BJ community to attend an evening of study and reflection on making a shiva call. What do you say when you can't say "How are you?" Rabbi Stephanie Dickstein, Spiritual Care Coordinator at the Shira Ruskay Center at JBFCS, will facilitate the discussion. If you have never visited a shiva house before, this is a great place to start. Free; registration required to ygarter@bj.org or x256.

• Men's Havurah

Saturday, October 24, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Mark your calendars now for an afternoon co-led by Marcelo and Ezra. We'll have minha, davening, and Seudat Shlishit (third meal of Shabbat)—in this case, with the addition of schnapps and meaningful conversation. Please bring your favorite whiskey to share. 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, Jonathan Adelsberg, Ezra Weinberg and Marcelo Bronstein. Please respond to ngoodhart@bj.org to let us know you are coming.

• Community Kiddush in Honor of Ari's 20th Anniversary at BJ

Saturday, November 14, following Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Social Hall: Please join us for a Community Kiddush in honor of Ari's 20th anniversary at BJ. We are also putting together a book of reflections, stories, and special moments with Ari over the years to be presented on that day. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Naomi Goodhart at ngoodhart@bj.org by Friday, October 23.

CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• West Side Campaign Against Hunger 30th Anniversary Benefit Gala

Tuesday, November 10, 6:00-10:00PM, Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew: In this time of growing unemployment, demand for food at WSCAH is up 27%. This 30th anniversary benefit will help meet the costs of counseling services and allow the West Side Campaign Against Hunger to provide food for about 900,000 meals in the coming year. The benefit dinner will be prepared by the students of WSCAH's chef training program. Honorees will include the Robin Hood Foundation, the members of B'nai Jeshurun, Public Advocate Betsy Gotbaum and the Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew. To buy tickets, please visit www.wscah.org. For more information, contact Stewart Desmond at sdesmond@wscah.org or call (212) 362-3662x112.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• Tot Shabbat

Friday, October 2, 5:00-5:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Join us for singing, dancing, storytelling, and fun as we bring in Shabbat with our youngest BJ members on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month! This week the short Tot Shabbat service will be led by Leora Frankel, Rabbinic Intern for Youth and Family, and David Frankel, songleader for BJHS and children's services. Looking forward to seeing young families there! Please contact Emily Walsh at ewalsh@bj.org or x243 with any questions.

• Register for Bim Bam!

Six Fridays (October 16–November 20), 10:45AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Bim Bam is a pre-Shabbat music, movement and mitzvah class for babies and toddlers that meets on Friday mornings. Children enjoy singing and dancing, listening to stories, giving tzedakah, and making Kiddush. Registration is now open for the fall session. For registration materials or questions, please contact Emily Walsh at ewalsh@bj.org or x243, or look at the BJ website, www.bj.org, in the "Families" section.

INTERFAITH

• Interfaith Film Series Debut—*Gentleman's Agreement*

Thursday, October 22, 6:30-9:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: The BJ Interfaith Committee is proud to announce the 2009-10 Film Series "Stranger in a Strange Land." We will show three films throughout the year, beginning with the classic 1947 film *Gentleman's Agreement*. Gregory Peck stars as a journalist pretending to be Jewish in order to write about the effects of anti-Semitism during this dynamic period of American history. It is a movie for all ages and a panel of BJ members will discuss the film's influence on them. For more information, contact blasky@bj.org or x379.

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• **Interfaith Fall Feast**

Sunday, November 1, 5:00–7:30PM, 86th Street Social Hall: Building on the community we formed at our Interfaith Break Fasts, Green Feast, and Peace Feast, we will gather with Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, and Buddhists to share a vegetarian potluck dinner with fall foods, learn songs, and hear music from not-to-be-missed performers. All ages welcome. R.S.V.P. by October 25 to fallfeast@earthlink.net or Interfaith Committee at x379, and state the names of all guests and whether they are BJ members, the ages of any children, and your phone number. Preference will be given to BJ members until October 10. There is no charge for this event.

BEKEF: 35+

• **BJ & JDate Collaboration: A Sukkot Party**

Thursday, October 8, 7:00PM, 86th Street Sukkah and Social Hall: Join us for an exciting "kickoff" Bekef event of the year and the first-ever collaboration with JDate. Meet single people, have Kiddush in the Sukkah, and enjoy a buffet-style dinner in the Social Hall as well as a special presentation about the difference between men's and women's body language and Jewish body language, too! To register, go to www.jDate.com, click on "Travel & Events," and scroll down to find the event name. Space is limited. For more information contact Guy Felixbrodt, gufelixbrodt@bj.org or x255.

AFFILIATES

• **Joshua Nelson and the Koshers Gospel Choir**

Monday, October 12, 3:00PM, Queensborough Performing Arts Center, 222-05 56th Avenue: After three years of sold-out concerts, Joshua Nelson will perform his exceptional fusion of Jewish European and gospel music with new arrangements of traditional Hebrew songs. A former student of Hebrew Union College, Joshua has performed for presidents, the Prime Minister of Israel, in concert with Aretha Franklin, and with the beloved late jazz great Dizzy Gillespie. Join us to celebrate the spirit, tradition and diversity of Jewish culture. Special price of \$30 includes ticket and transportation from 88th Street to the show and back. To register, call 718-631-6311.

• **New Jewish Film *Tickling Leo* Gets Raves**

The new film *Tickling Leo*, winner of the Jury Prize at Stony Brook Film Festival and starring Eli Wallach and BJ member Ronald Guttman, is now available on DVD. Set on Yom Kippur in the Catskills, the film explores how three generations of fathers and sons are affected by the choice one man made to join Rudolph Kasztner's controversial freedom train out of Hungary during WWII. *The Jewish Standard* calls it "A powerful film about family, history and memory" while *The New York Times* hails the cast's "rich performances, in which every shade of every character's emotion registers." More info at www.ticklingleothemovie.net.

UPCOMING LIMUD Please visit www.bj.org for more info and to register.

• **Parashat Hashavu'a: Study Of The Weekly Torah Portion Michelle Dardashti, Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow**

Thursdays (October 1 through May 27) • 7:00-8:30PM • BJ Office, Conference Room • Members: Free/Non-members: \$150 for the year. A Hassidic 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 the Torah. By adding our own understanding of the text, we too become a part of its unfolding story. 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.

• **Introduction To Judaism**

Rabbi Ezra D. Weinberg, Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow
Mondays (October 12 through May 31) • 7:00-9:00PM • BJ Office, Conference Room • Cost: Individuals \$420/\$630, couples \$630/\$945 (Although you must enroll for the entire year, you may pay tuition in two installments. If you wish to do so, please make arrangements with Ezra at eweinberg@bj.org, x251.) 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 as well as of those who would like 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 13 through May 25) • 8:30-9:30AM • 88th Street Sanctuary • Members: \$100/Non-members: \$150 for the year. Using both traditional and modern commentaries, the class will study the Book of Exodus, starting with Parsahat

Mishpatim (in translation). Rabbi Hillel Friedman, a longtime member of our community, has been teaching adult courses at BJ for the past eight years.

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

Facilitated by Rabbi Felicia L. Sol
Sunday, October 18 • Time and location TBA. 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. Contact ygarber@bj.org to be added to the Women's Group email list.

• **Creating A Meaningful Jewish Practice: Try This At Home and Beyond For Tze'irim (20's and 30's, singles and couples)**

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol
Four Wednesdays (October 21: Shabbat; October 28: Kashrut; November 4: Tefillah [Prayer]; November 11: Tzedakah) • 7:00-9:00PM • 88th Street Frankel Hall • Free; registration required. The impetus for living a good Jewish life is no longer the domain of our parents' generation. As adults, we try to build meaningful lives of our own, modern lives informed and made richer by our spiritual practice—lives that focus on the search for goodness, holiness, peace, and justice. This class will be devoted to developing a clearer vision of what our Jewish lives could look like, through the study of traditional texts and contemporary thought, as well as the texts of our own lives. The intention is that we create a more deliberate bond between our Jewish knowledge and our deeds and practice. Each session will focus on a single topic; participants can choose to attend one session or to experience a cumulative discussion over the course of all the classes.

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:** We invite you to become a member of our living, thriving community. The simple act of joining BJ is transformative. It is an acknowledgement that BJ is your community, its rabbis are your rabbis, and its sanctuary is your space. Membership at B'nai Jeshurun includes: admission to High Holy Day services; special rates for classes, dinners, and events; support for life cycle events and in times of difficulty; group orientations for new members; vibrant Hebrew School; and more! Our fair share dues system ensures no one will be turned away based on financial considerations. For more information about becoming a member, please contact Sarah Verity, Senior Membership Associate at x250 or sverity@bj.org. We look forward to welcoming you to our community!

• **A Note from the Ushers:** 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 give the prayer book and the Torah text (the large red book) the respect they merit, we ask that they not be placed on the floor when not in use. To prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before services begin.

• **Scent-Free Policy at Services:** In consideration of the many people who have adverse respiratory reactions to the smells of perfume, cologne, and other chemicals, please refrain from wearing perfume or strong cologne to services.

• **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.

• **LinkedIn to Help Out!**

In these difficult times, we are trying many ways to help members find jobs and network. *Join us in this very important effort* simply by joining "B'nai Jeshurun—New York City," the BJ group on LinkedIn, www.linkedin.com. There you can share your professional network, post jobs and respond to any ongoing discussions that are posted in the group.

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.

Sukkot – Simḥat Torah 5770 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUKKOT

Shabbat and First Evening Service

Friday, October 2

88th Street Sanctuary7:00 PM

First Day Service

Saturday, October 3

86th SPSA9:30 AM

Junior Congregation (Ages 7-12):

86th Street Social Hall10:30 AM

Children's Services (Ages 0-6):

86th SPSA Chapel10:45 AM

Second Evening Service

88th Street Sanctuary7:00 PM

Second Day Service

Sunday, October 4

88th Street Sanctuary9:30 AM

Children's Services (Ages 0-6):

88th Street Frankel Hall10:45 AM

Hoshanah Rabbah

Friday, October 9

88th Street Sanctuary7:30 AM

SHABBAT/SHEMINI ATZERET

Shemini Atzeret Evening Service

Friday, October 9

88th Street Sanctuary7:00 PM

Saturday, October 10

Morning Service (Yizkor)

86th SPSA 9:30 AM

Children's Services (Ages 0-6):

86th SPSA Chapel10:45 AM

SIMḤAT TORAH

Saturday, October 10

Family Evening Service:

88th Street Frankel Hall 6:15 PM

Adult Evening Service:

88th Street Sanctuary7:00PM

Morning Service

Sunday, October 11

88th Street Sanctuary 9:30 AM

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