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SHEMINI ATZERET

TORAH	Deuteronomy 14:22 - 16:17
1:	14:22 - 14:29
2:	15:01 - 15:18
3:	15:19 - 15:22
4:	16:01 - 16:03
5:	16:04 - 16:08
6:	16:09 - 16:12
7:	16:13 - 16:17
Maftir:	29:35 - 30:1
HAFTARAH	1 Kings 8:54 - 66

NEXT WEEK: **BERESHIT**

MEVARKHIM HA^HODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 1:1 - 6:8

TRIENNIAL Genesis 5:1 - 6:8

HAFTARAH I Samuel 20:18 - 42

October 9-16, 2009

14-21 Tishrei, 5770

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Shemini Atzeret Evening Service

EREV SHEMINI ATZERET

7:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Shabbat and Shemini Atzeret

Morning Services (Yizkor)

Children's Services

Community Kiddush

SHEMINI ATZERET

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

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

Tze'irim Pre-Simhat Torah Gathering

Family Simhat Torah Evening Service

Adult Simhat Torah Evening Service

6:00 PM - 86th St. Parlor (SEE P.3)

6:15 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

7:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Simhat Torah Morning Services

Community Lunch

SIMHAT TORAH

9:30 AM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Following Services - 88th St. Frankel Hall

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

Morning Minyan

Limud: Introduction to Judaism*

7:30 AM - 88th St.

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Morning Minyan

Limud: The Book of Exodus*

7:30 AM - 88th St.

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Morning Minyan

Community Networking Event

7:30 AM - 88th St.

7:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

Morning Minyan

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

Hevra Kadisha Study Session:

The Ins and Outs of a Shiva Call

Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a*

7:30 AM - 88th St.

12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

7:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

Morning Minyan

Bim Bam

7:30 AM - 88th St.

10:45 AM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

(SEE P.2)

SIMHAT TORAH

Honoring

Kallat Torah: Sheila Bleckner

Hatan Bereshit: Bob Gruenspecht



NEW KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE BEGINNING OCTOBER 16

5:00PM (first and third Fridays of the month)

Children's Kabbalat Shabbat: Half an hour of Shabbat songs and stories for children up to age 6.

5:45PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service: We welcome everyone to this hour-long service, and we encourage families with children in elementary school to join us.

7:30PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service: We welcome everyone to this service, which lasts approximately one hour and 15 minutes.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

• **Strong People Needed!**

Do you like to cut vegetables, cook, and have big muscles to lift heavy soup pots? If this describes you and you would like to cook and prepare for the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program on Wednesday evenings from 5:00PM-8:00PM, please contact Carol Gelles at cgandpoppy@hotmail.com or call 212-787-7600 x259.

* 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 extends sincere condolences to the family of our beloved member, David Drogin.

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

- Ralph, Sam and Eve Brunswick, on the death of their beloved mother and grandmother, Lee Brunswick.
- David and Marilyn Tawfik on the death of David's beloved brother, Fareed Tawfik.
- Jon and Alice Fisher on the death of their beloved father and father-in-law, Ernest Fisher.

- Robert and Rebecca Goldman and Neil Satterlund on the death of their beloved father, father-in-law, and grandfather, Morris Goldman.
- Susan Sanders, and Gabriel and Daniel Weintraub on the death of their beloved mother and grandmother, Dora Sanders.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Sheila Bleckner on being honored as Kallat Torah, and Bob Gruenspect on being honored as Hatan Bereshit.
- Saskia Lane, BJ musician, and Julian Porta on the birth of their daughter, Luna Gray Porta.
- Brad Hoffman and Faya Gene on their recent engagement.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• 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 ygarber@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

• 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.

• BJ Reads

It's time to dust off our storybooks and get ready for a new group of excited but shy first and second graders to begin BJ Reads at P.S. 166. If you love children and you love to read, please join us on Monday and Wednesday mornings for one hour between 9:00AM-10:00AM or 10:00AM-11:00AM. For more information, contact Sandy at sandyd001@rcn.com or Ellen at ellen.schechter@gmail.com.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• 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.

• Family Fun in Riverside Park!

Sunday, October 25, 11:00AM-2:00PM, Riverside Park: Join other BJ families for an afternoon of helping to beautify Riverside Park, followed by a potluck picnic lunch. The volunteer work (which will comprise the first two hours) is appropriate for adults and children ages 8 and up, but anyone is welcome to join us at 1:00PM for the picnic and some outdoor games. We hope you'll join us for this fun social action opportunity that's perfect for your whole family! Please R.S.V.P. by October 15 to Leora at x271 or Lfrankel@bj.org for the exact meeting location and additional details.

• Life After Nursery School:

The Process of Applying to Public School Kindergarten

Wednesday, October 28 (please note change of date), 6:30PM, R.S.V.P. for location: Please join us for an evening with educational consultant, Dr. Robin Aronow, and learn the latest information for the 2009-2010 admission season to public school kindergarten in Manhattan. Robin Aronow, Ph.D, is an educational consultant who advises families in the process of applying to both public and private schools, Pre-K through high school. In this workshop, she will present an overview of the options and processes of applying to public school kindergarten in Manhattan. Topics include: Valuable Resources in Getting Started, Timelines, Application Procedures, Public vs. Private Schools, Gifted and Talented vs. General Education, Stanford-Binet and G&T Testing, Dual Language Programs, Zoned Schools, Lottery Schools, Charter Schools, Overcrowding, and Rezoning.

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This workshop is only open to BJ members. To R.S.V.P., please contact Emily Walsh, Assistant Director of Education for Youth and Family, at ewalsh@bj.org or x243.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Pre-Simḥat Torah Gathering**

Saturday, October 10, 6:00PM, 86th Street Parlor: A pre-Simḥat Torah gathering to prepare ourselves for the grand Torah celebration. Please bring a dessert dish to share. At 6:50PM, we will all walk over to the 88th Street Sanctuary for the start of Simḥat Torah!

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.

• **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, meet new friends and old, 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. There is no charge for this event.

AFFILIATES

• **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 212-362-3662 x112.

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 • 3:30PM • West Side Mikvah and Felicia's

home. Join us for a tour of the The West Side Mikvah, where we will study and discuss of the meaning of the mikvah for Jewish women. We will meet at the mikvah at 3:30PM, located at 236 West 74th Street. Following this, we will go to Felicia's home. Please bring a dairy/vegetarian snack to share. Free; R.S.V.P. required to Yaffa Garber, ygarber@bj.org.

• **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.

Hoshanah Rabbah – Simḥat Torah 5770 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Membership at BJ • Membership Packets • Guide to the BJ Community • Bikkur Ḥolim

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