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BERESHIT

MEVARKHIM HAHODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 1:1 - 6:8

TRIENNIAL Genesis 5:1 - 6:8

- 1: 5:1 - 5:5
- 2: 5:6 - 5:8
- 3: 5:9 - 5:14
- 4: 5:15 - 5:20
- 5: 5:21 - 5:24
- 6: 5:25 - 5:31
- 7: 5:32 - 6:8
- Maftir: 6:5 - 6:8

HAFTARAH

MAHAR HODESH | Samuel 20:18 - 42

NEXT WEEK: NOAH

TORAH: ANNUAL Genesis 6:9 - 11:32

TRIENNIAL Genesis 11:1 - 11:32

HAFTARAH Isaiah 54:1 - 55:5

October 16-23, 2009

28 Tishrei-5 Heshvan, 5770

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

Hebrew School Grades 3-5 Retreat at Isabella Freedman

Tot Shabbat

5:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

5:45 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

7:30 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Hebrew School Grades 3-5 Retreat at Isabella Freedman

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah

Reed Motulsky

Bat Mitzvah

Hannah Davidoff

Speaker

Nigel Savage, Founder and

Executive Director of Hazon

10:30 AM - 86th St. Social Hall

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

Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

Minha

6:00 PM - 88th St.

Bar Mitzvah

Jake Mervis

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

ROSH HODESH HESHVAN

Hebrew School Grades 3-5 Retreat at Isabella Freedman

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Bat Mitzvah

Abigail Kingsberg

Limud: Rosh Hodesh Women's Group*

3:30 PM - West Side Mikvah (SEE P.3)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

ROSH HODESH HESHVAN

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: Introduction to Judaism*

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: The Book of Exodus*

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: Creating a Meaningful Jewish Practice*

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

Interfaith Film Series:

6:30 PM - 88th St. (SEE P.2)

Gentleman's Agreement

Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a*

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Bim Bam

10:45 AM - 88th St. Frankel Hall
(SEE P.3)

NEW KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE BEGINNING OCTOBER 16

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

Tot Shabbat: A half hour of Shabbat songs and stories for children up to age six.

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

7:30PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service: We welcome everyone to this adult 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 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 following members and their families:

- Michael Sonnenfeldt, Katja Goldman, and their children Joya, Forest, Isaac, and Sophia on the death of their beloved father, father-in-law and grandfather, Richard W. Sonnenfeldt.
- Estee Konor on the death of her beloved grandmother, Esther Pimienta.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Reed, John, Margo and Curtis Motulsky and Wendy Nacht on Reed becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Hannah, Larry, Lisa, Benjamin and Michael Davidoff on Hannah becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Jake, Michael, Mindy and Julia Mervis on Jake becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Abigail, Allan and Emma Kingsberg and Karen Davis on Abigail becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

- Jonah Geffen and Julia Mannes and Peter Geffen and Susie Kessler on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter, Bina Batsheva.

TODAH RABBAH

This week's flowers for the bimah are co-sponsored by Wendy Nacht and John, Margo and Curtis Motulsky in honor of their son and brother, Reed Motulsky, becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and Lisa, Larry, Benjamin and Michael Davidoff in honor of their daughter and sister, Hannah Lee Davidoff, becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Robyn Schwartz and the 6th grade class, Temple Emanuel, Kensington, Maryland.
- Rabbi Alan Shavit-Lonstein, Julie Gottlieb and Confirmation Class, Temple of Aaron, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- David Iskovitz and the 7th grade class, Temple B'nai Or, Morristown, New Jersey.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• 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.

• 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 *minḥa*, 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.

• Sacred Spaces Exhibit Presentation by Tobi Kahn and Discussion with Roly

Sunday, November 1, 11:00AM, The Museum of Biblical Art, 1865 Broadway at 61st St.: Join us at the MOBIA for the first exhibition exploring Kahn's notion of sacred space, which marks the public debut of a complex new work—a visually cohesive environment Kahn has created for the interior of a synagogue, Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Kahn is a painter and sculptor whose work has been shown in over fifty solo exhibitions and sixty museum and group shows. The presentation will be followed by a discussion with Tobi Kahn

and Rabbi Roly Matalon about sacred spaces. R.S.V.P. is required to Guy at gfelixbrodt@bj.org.

• BJ Working Knowledge Initiative

Tuesday, November 3, 10:00AM–12:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: BJ and the Accord Advisory Group, a global partnership specializing in professional and psychological development of executives, are launching the Working Knowledge Initiative. The WKI will meet weekly starting November 3 and offer participants free meetings combining discussion of the psychological hurdles facing underemployed individuals and tools necessary to consider developing their own businesses. These provide both useful information about career transition and allow participants to learn about each other's professional knowledge, skills and abilities. Over time, groups with shared interests and complementary skills will develop and be able to participate in an intensive, 3-month-long business development program oriented to leveraging what individuals know into a productive business. R.S.V.P. to Ian Miller at info@accordadvisorygroup.com.

• 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.

• New Community Initiative: BJ B'Yahad

Do you want to be more involved, meet new people, and feel more connected at BJ? BJ B'Yahad is our new community initiative to embrace and engage members who feel disconnected or who want to become more involved. Join us for a series of three winter programs, including a special Shabbat dinner filled with song. For more information, contact Belinda Lasky at blasky@bj.org by Tuesday, October 20.

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. 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.

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• **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. 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.

• **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. 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 will 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 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, contemporary thought, and the texts of our own lives to 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 or all sessions.

• **Abraham Joshua Heschel's Heavenly Torah**

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon
Seven Tuesdays (October 27 through December 8) • 6:30-8:30PM • 88th Street Sanctuary • Free; registration required. We resume our study of Rabbi Heschel's monumental work on rabbinic thought. *Heavenly Torah*, recently translated into English, explores the polarities in Judaism between transcendence and immanence and between mysticism and rationalism. In the chapters we will address this year, Heschel invites us to look at some fundamental religious questions (such as "What does it mean to love God?" "Do we have free will, or is everything divinely foreseen?" "Is the Torah meant to be read literally?") through the lens of classical rabbinic discussions. Please bring the book to class; no photocopies will be distributed. New participants are welcome.

• **Perversion And Holiness: Stories Of The Talmudic Rabbis**

(Bava Metzi'a Chapter 7) Lunch and Learn (please bring your own lunch)
Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon
Six Thursdays (October 29 through December 10) (no meeting on November 26) • 12:30-1:30PM • Location: given upon registration • Free; registration required by contacting ygarber@bj.org. We will continue our study of a chain of stories that appears in the seventh chapter of Tractate Bava Metzi'a, one of the pearls of Talmudic literary creativity. These stories reflect the concerns and struggles, fears and fantasies, even the dark side of our Talmudic sages. We will attempt to see ourselves in the mirror of the Talmud in order to understand and confront our own nature. No knowledge of Hebrew is required. New participants are welcome. Space is limited.

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YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **Register for Bim Bam!**

Fridays (October 16-December 18), 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 (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. A 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 meeting location.

• **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,

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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:** 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 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.

• **LinkIn 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.

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

• **Teen Volunteer Opportunity at Queens Mitzvah Day**

Sunday, November 1, 8:30AM–4:30PM, meet at 88th St. and Broadway; we will provide a free subway ride to and from Queens: If you're a BJ teen, come volunteer with us at Queens Mitzvah Day! Queens Mitzvah Day is a day of community service and learning with other Jewish teens from Queens and Brooklyn. We will be volunteering at various projects including helping at BJ's cemetery, assisting at a community block party, painting a home for the homeless, and helping at a food pantry. Breakfast and lunch is included. Participants will receive a free T-shirt and three community service hours! Event is free; please contact Ira Dounn, Teen Educator, at idounn@bj.org or x253 to register.

• **B'nai Mitzvah Parent Orientation Meeting**

Wednesday, November 4, 7:00PM, 88th Street: Parents of children in 4th grade, or whose birthdates fall between September 1999 and December 2000, are invited to an informational meeting that will detail each step of the B'nai Mitzvah planning process. Applications for dates will be turned in at this time, and there will be an opportunity for questions and answers. For questions and to R.S.V.P., please contact Arlene Brandon at abrandon@bj.org or x223.

• **Tot Shabbat and Dinner**

Friday, November 6, 5:00PM, 88th Street: As always, join us on the first and third Fridays of the month for a short Tot Shabbat service. Led by a

BJ Rabbi or rabbinic student, it's filled with singing, dancing and storytelling for our youngest BJ members. On November 6, you're invited to join us for a Shabbat dinner after the service downstairs in Frankel Hall. Register by October 30 at www.bj.org for the dinner. After that, please contact Emily Walsh at ewalsh@bj.org or x243.

INTERFAITH

• **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. 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.

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