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## NOAH

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Genesis 6:9 - 11:32  
**TRIENNIAL** Genesis 11:1 - 11:32

1: 11:1 - 11:4  
2: 11:5 - 11:9  
3: 11:10 - 11:13  
4: 11:14 - 11:17  
5: 11:18 - 11:21  
6: 11:22 - 11:25  
7: 11:26 - 11:32  
Maftir: 11:29 - 11:32

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

## NEXT WEEK: LEKH LEKHA

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Genesis 12:1 - 17:27  
**TRIENNIAL** Genesis 16:1 - 17:27  
**HAFTARAH** Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16

## October 23-30, 2009

## 5-12 Heshvan, 5770

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 5:45 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

**Shabbat Morning Services** 9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

**Bar Mitzvah** Oliver Frieberg  
**Bat Mitzvah** Lauren Mantel

**Children's Services** 10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor  
**Community Kiddush** Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall  
**Shabbat Teaching with Nigel Savage,** Following Kiddush – 86th St. Chapel  
**Executive Director of Hazon** [SEE P.2]

**Men's Havurah** 5:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall [SEE P.2]

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

**Morning Minyan** 9:30 AM – 88th St. Sanctuary  
**Family Fun in Riverside Park** 1:00 PM – Riverside Park [SEE P.3]

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
**Limud: The Book of Exodus\*** 8:30 AM – 88th St.  
**Limud: Abraham Joshua Heschel's** 6:30 PM – 88th St. [SEE P.3]  
**Heavenly Torah\***

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
**Life After Nursery School** 6:30 PM [SEE P.2]  
**Limud: Creating a Meaningful** 7:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall [SEE P.3]  
**Jewish Practice\***

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
**Judith Bernstein Lunch Program** 12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall  
**Limud: Perversion and Holiness\*** 12:30 PM [SEE P.3]  
**Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a\*** 7:00 PM – BJ Office

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

**Morning Minyan** 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
**Bim Bam** 10:45 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

\* Please see the BJ website, [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org), for more information and to register.

## NEW KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

### 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

### • SIGN UP NOW: Blood Drive at BJ

**Wednesday, November 18, 4:00-9:00PM, 88th Street:** Mark your calendars to donate blood at the next BJ/SPSA Blood Drive. It does not hurt! People are often reluctant to give because they think it will be painful or unpleasant, but it isn't any of those things. Give the gift of life This donation doesn't depend on your bank account and is the greatest mitzvah of them all! Please contact Sharon at [shasiem@aol.com](mailto:shasiem@aol.com) or call x373 and leave a message with your name, phone number, and best time slot for you. 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HA-MAKOM YENAH'EM

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

- Carolyn, Brad, Julia, Alex, and Samantha Desch on the death of their beloved father, father-in-law, and grandfather, Arthur "Ozzie" Barat.
- Jeff Yablonka on the death of his beloved step-sister, Nicole Joseph.

### MAZAL TOV

*To the following members and their families:*

- Oliver, Lowell and Jullian Freiberg and Cathy Taub on Oliver becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Lauren, Alan, Rebecca and Joshua Mantel and Jessica Feder on Lauren becoming a Bat Mitzvah

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • The Climate is Changing... Who's Building the Ark?

**Saturday, October 24**, following Kiddush after Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Chapel: Join Nigel Savage, Executive Director of Hazon, to discuss the Jewish response to climate change. BJ, along with Jewish communities around the world, is observing Shabbat Noah—when we read the Torah portion about Noah, the ark, and the flood—as "Global Climate-Healing Shabbat." Learn why and how we as Jews must contribute to our planet's sustainability. For more information, contact Guy Felixbrodt at gfelixbrodt@bj.org or x255.

### • Men's Havurah

**Saturday, October 24**, 5:00-7:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Mark your calendars now for the Men's Havurah. The afternoon will be co-led by Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Ezra Weinberg. We'll have minḥa, davening, Seudat Shlishit (third meal of Shabbat)—in this case with schnapps and meaningful conversation, as well. Free, no registration required.

### • 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

### TODAH RABBAH

• This week's Community Kiddush is co-sponsored by Jonathan and Shirley Feder and Sam and Phyllis Mentel in honor of their granddaughter, Lauren, becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Marcia Goldstein and Confirmation Class, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Deena Bloomstone, David Dossick and 9th grade student group, Temple Shir Tikvah, Wayland, Massachusetts.

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. 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. R.S.V.P. to Ian Miller at info@accordadvisorygroup.com.

### • BJ Book Club

**Saturday, November 7**, 2:00PM, R.S.V.P. for location to zsucharney@verizon.net or dsdresner@aol.com: Join the BJ Book Club for our monthly discussion of a Jewish-themed book. This month, we will discuss John Updike's astute and witty depiction of a Jewish writer in America, *Bech: A Book*. Newcomers are welcome!

## 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.

### YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

#### • 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. In this workshop, open to BJ members only, she will present an overview of the options and processes of applying to public school kindergarten in Manhattan. 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.

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• **7th Grade Families Cooking for the Shelter**

**Tuesday, November 3**, 5:00–6:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: 7th graders and their families are invited to cook for the BJ Shelter. Every month, a different grade of students and their families prepare a meal for BJ Shelter guests. Together we cook, set and decorate the table, and engage in study and discussion about the Jewish value of feeding the hungry. This is a community-wide program; all families of 7th graders are invited to participate, no matter where your children receive their Jewish education. This program will kick off a number of opportunities to volunteer with the BJ Shelter. To R.S.V.P. and sign up for what you'll bring, please contact Margie Vandow at mvandow@yahoo.com. You must R.S.V.P. to participate.

• **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.

• **Fifth and Sixth Grade Family Learning Program**

**Saturday, November 14**, 3:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall (please note: 5th grade program on November 7 has been canceled, and is now combined with

the originally scheduled 6th grade program on this date): B'nai Mitzvah family learning programs are for all students and parents who will become bar/bat mitzvah at BJ, no matter where they receive their Jewish education. All 5th and 6th grade students and their parents should plan to attend this afternoon program where they will engage in preparation for their bar/bat mitzvah together. Please R.S.V.P. to Elana Ayalon at eayalon@bj.org and direct any questions to 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 WSCAH 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.

**UPCOMING LIMUD**

Please visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) for more info and to register.

• **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.

• **Creating A Meaningful Jewish Practice:**

**Try This At Home and Beyond**

**For Tze'irim (20s and 30s, singles and couples)**

**Rabbi Felicia L. Sol**

**Four Wednesdays** (remaining classes: 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. 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.

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

**(Bava Metzi'a Chapter 7) Lunch and Learn** (please bring your 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. Space is limited.

• **BJ Salons: Engaging Members in an Intimate Setting**

**Rabbi Marcelo R. Bronstein**

**Tuesdays** (November 3 and 10) • 7:00–9:00PM • Location provided upon registration. Building on the importance of reaching members where they live and creating small, intimate groups, Marcelo will facilitate Beit Midrash Salons in lieu of teaching traditional classes. November Salons are targeted for members who live downtown. Limited space is available; please respond to ngoodhart@bj.org.

## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:apriven@bj.org).

## Coexistence with No Resistance— Daily Life in Haifa

By Guy Felixbrodt

As a child growing up in my home town of Haifa I needed no explanation of coexistence, for I lived it every day. Haifa is a very unique city in Israel and, even with its half a million residents, not usually highlighted as Jerusalem and Tel Aviv are. It's scenery is very similar to San Francisco's, with mountains hugged by lush green forest overlooking the sea. Haifa has a large Israeli Arab population and is well known for the peaceful coexistence of its residents. As a child going to visit my dad's store downtown (literally) by the harbor, I would inhale the wonderful aroma of the falafel stands mixing with the rich smell of fresh ground Turkish coffee—fragrances I can still easily recall today. My school had Israeli Arab and Druze students studying together with Sabras and newly arrived Russian Jews. Sadly, Haifa had its share of difficulty during the Second Intifada, which intensified during the Second Lebanon War when the peace and tolerance of Arab and Jewish Israelis was put to the test. Being born there and living with tolerance convinces me that beyond all the noise and drama the media generates "creating" news, coexistence is not only a vision but a reality that can be achieved with awareness, dedication, and care. For that reason, BJ is participating this year in the Manhattan JCC's Other Israel Film Festival ([www.otherisrael.org](http://www.otherisrael.org)) as part of the week-long presentation of unique films showcasing the theme of Israeli Arabs. We hope you will join us for a screening of *ID Blues*, a travelogue examining the life, history, and culture of Arabs living in Israel and directed by an Israeli news icon, Chaim Yavin, at 88th Street on Wednesday, November 18.

*Guy Felixbrodt, a native Israeli and former Israeli Naval Officer, is currently working as BJ's Community Initiatives Coordinator.*

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

## FOCUS ON ISRAEL

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