

קול ישרון

KOL JESHURUN



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VAYERA

TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL
Genesis 18:1 - 22:24
Genesis 18:1 - 18:33
1: 18:1 - 18:5
2: 18:6 - 18:8
3: 18:9 - 18:14
4: 18:15 - 18:21
5: 18:22 - 18:26
6: 18:27 - 18:30
7: 18:31 - 18:33
Maftir: 18:31 - 8:33
HAFTARAH II Kings 4:1 - 23

NEXT WEEK: HAYEI SARAH

TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL
Genesis 23:1 - 25:18
Genesis 23:1 - 24:9
HAFTARAH Kings 1:1 - 31



BJ needs your help NOW to help us achieve the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to buy the 89th Street building! Every gift will bring us closer to our goal to secure BJ's future. To contribute, please contact Nancy Gad-Harf at ngad-harf@bj.org or x262.

October 22-29, 2010

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

Kabbalat Shabbat Service
New Member Shabbat Dinner

6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
Following Services – 88th St. Frankel Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah

Ronen Schatsky

Torah for Teens
Children's Services
Community Kiddush

10:15 AM – 86th St. Social Hall (SEE P.3)
10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor
Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

Morning Minyan
Teen Community Garden Project

9:30 AM – 88th St.
10:00 AM –
New Visions Community Garden (SEE P.3)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

Morning Minyan
BJ Hebrew School
"Out of Cordoba":
Documentary Film Screening
Limud: Introduction to Judaism

7:30 AM – 88th St.
4:00-6:00 PM
7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)
7:00 PM – BJ Office

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Morning Minyan
Limud: The Book of Exodus
Limud: The Rabbinic Mind and Imagination
Limud: Heschel's Heavenly Torah
Limud: BJ Israel Salons

7:30 AM – 88th St.
8:30 AM – 88th St.
12:30 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.3)
6:30 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)
7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

Morning Minyan
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program
Limud: More Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis
BJ Hebrew School
Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a

7:30 AM – 88th St.
12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
12:30 PM (SEE P.3)
4:00-6:00 PM
7:00 PM – BJ Office

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

Morning Minyan
Bim Bam

7:30 AM – 88th St.
9:30 and 10:45 AM – 88th St.

! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

• Volunteers Needed at the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

The BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter needs volunteers who can spend the night so our shelter guests have a place to stay. Our shelter is open Sunday through Thursday, so you are invited to pick the night that works best for you. This is your chance to fulfill the mitzvah of hospitality, feeding the hungry and welcoming the stranger—all while sleeping through the night. For more information, contact Anne Millman at AnnieMill@aol.com.

To register for classes and events, please visit www.bj.org.

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BJ's Ner Tamid at 88th St. is powered by the light of the sun.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Mirian Landau, David, Brian and Caroline Landau on the death of Mirian's beloved father, Izaak Zugman.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Ronen, David, Binah, and Sam Schatsky and Susan Bodnar on Ronen becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Brooke Stone and Adam Cohan on their upcoming wedding.
- Former MTM Fellow Rabbi Esther Lederman on her recent marriage to Scott Gant.
- Stephanie Green, Zeke and Ella Vanderhoek on the birth of their daughter and sister, Ruby.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Susan Bodnar and David Schatsky in honor of Ronen becoming a Bar Mitzvah, their friends and family, and the B'nai Jeshurun community.
- This week's flowers for the bimah are sponsored by the Schatsky family in honor of Ronen becoming a Bar Mitzvah and in memory of Phyllis Schatsky, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and member of BJ.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- New BJ members who are joining us tonight for the New Member Shabbat Dinner
- Rabbi Dennis and Sandy Sasso and Confirmation Class, Congregation Beth-El Zedek, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Rabbi Adam Stock Spilker and Post-Confirmation Class, Mount Zion Temple, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- Rabbi Brett Krichiver and Tenth Grade Confirmation Class, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Indianapolis, Indiana.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• **"Out of Cordoba": Averroes and Maimonides in Their Time and Ours**
Monday, October 25, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street: BJ and SPSA invite you to a screening of Jacob Bender's documentary film "Out of Cordoba." The film explores the legacy of the two most important thinkers to emerge from medieval Islamic Spain, Rabbi Moses Maimonides and Averroes, his Muslim counterpart. The film examines the relevance of the two wise men of Cordoba to contemporary interfaith relations, as well as the influence of Maimonides and Averroes upon Jews, Christians, and Muslims struggling against the tide of xenophobia and fundamentalism rising in the three communities. A discussion of these issues will follow the screening.

• **Community Shabbat Dinner: Shekhinah: The Feminine Half of God—Exploring Kabbalah with Daniel Matt**
Friday, October 29, following the 6:30PM service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join Daniel Matt, one of the world's leading authorities on Kabbalah, who has published over ten books including *The Essential Kabbalah*. The evening will open up the idea that God is equally female and male, and that the union of the divine couple depends on how we conduct our lives. The development of Kabbalah will be briefly traced, followed by a focus on the concept of Shekhinah from its rabbinic origins to its full flowering in the Zohar, where Shekhinah is identified with the Sabbath Bride. Members \$33/ Non-members \$43. To register, visit the BJ website at www.bj.org.

• **Raising the Sparks: Finding God in the Material World with Daniel Matt**
Saturday, October 30, 5:00-6:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join Dr. Daniel Matt, who is currently engaged in translating and annotating the Zohar. So far he has completed six volumes of the Zohar, and has been honored with a National Jewish Book Award and a Koret Jewish Book Award. The teaching will discuss Who is God and what is reality according to Kabbalah? How can we discover the divine presence in our daily life? These questions will be explored by teaching passages from Kabbalah and Hasidism on Ein Sof (God as Infinity), the act of Creation and the experience of meditation. Free; open to all.

• **Simon Wisenthal—Life and Legends Book Reading and Discussion with Tom Segev**
Saturday, November 6, 3:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us as we host Israeli journalist and historian Tom Segev for a discussion about the first fully documented biography of Simon Wiesenthal. Segev's book reveals the fascinating truth behind this simultaneously admired, despised, and feared Nazi hunter. Segev has obtained access to Wiesenthal's hundreds of thousands of private papers and records of the U.S., Israeli, Polish, and East German secret services. He reveals the intriguing secrets of Wiesenthal's life, including his stunning role in the capture of Adolf Eichmann, his controversial investigative techniques, and the nature of his rivalry with Elie Wiesel. Free; R.S.V.P. required to [Guy at gfelixbrodt@bj.org](mailto:gfelixbrodt@bj.org).

• **With Earth and Each Other: A Virtual Rally for a Better Middle East**
Sunday, November 14, 1:00PM, 88th Street: Join us as we host the legendary Pete Seeger and celebrate co-existence and sustainability in the Middle East with thousands of people across the globe. An hour-long internet-based group-watching experience hosted by Emmy and Tony Award winner Mandy Patinkin, *With Earth and Each Other* will feature celebrities, special musical performances, and segments highlighting many moving examples of Middle East cooperation. Participants will be asked to join together at the event's conclusion to sing "Salaam" (Od Yavo Shalom Aleinu), a song in Hebrew and Arabic that envisions the new future that we all wish for. This event is co-sponsored by Hazon. R.S.V.P. required on withearthandeachother.org.

• **Volunteer To Cook a Meal for BJ's Newest Members!**
Help us support new parents in our community by providing home cooked Shabbat meals for the first month of baby's life. As anyone who is a parent or is close to a young family knows, the first month following birth can be full of overwhelming adjustments. Join us in helping to make this time a little less hectic for the new parents by helping them relax for a Shabbat dinner filled with BJ love and food. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Susan at viukerville11@verizon.net or Carol at cgandpoppy2@yahoo.com.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

- **Affordable Housing Community Walk-Through**

Sunday, November 7, 12:30-4:30PM, meet at 88th Street Frankel Hall: Concerned about having places to live in our neighborhood that are affordable? For you? For your elderly parents or grown kids? For friends in our community? Join members of BJ's Affordable Housing Campaign Team for a fun community event where we will walk the Upper West Side and adjacent neighborhoods and gather information about potential opportunities and sites where affordable housing could be created, where there is stalled or in progress development. This promises to be a fun day for the whole family and an opportunity to see our neighborhood in a new way. Please contact Josh at jweisstuch@yahoo.com with any questions. R.S.V.P. to www.bj.org/affordable-housing-walk.

- **Volunteer with Bikkur Holim**

Bikkur Holim is performing the mitzvah of providing comfort to those who are ill, whether they suffer the pains of the body or spirit. The Bikkur Holim committee is looking for volunteers who are able to visit the elderly at the Jewish Home and Hospital. Please contact Jessica Feder Mantel at federmantel@nyc.rr.com to volunteer or with questions. The committee is also in need of volunteers who wish to become callers for Shabbat Connections, a program involving weekly Shabbat calls to congregants who are homebound. If interested, please contact Julie Kern at jfmakern@aol.com.

- **Literacy Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers meet one-on-one with children in grades 1-4 to support classroom instruction in reading and writing at the Ralph Bunche School, P.S. 132. The partnership is dedicated to helping children attain literacy and to love and value books. An exciting opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children in a one-on-one setting. Needed: Individuals to work with an eager elementary school student. Sessions on Tuesday 8:50-10:50AM or Thursday 12:10-2:00PM. If you cannot make a regular commitment, please sign up as a sub. Contact Rory Butler at rbutler6@nyc.rr.com or Ellen Small at photo_es@thorn.net.

- **Moving Toward Sustainable Dining at BJ**

The Shomrei Adamah Environmental Havurah is encouraging BJ members to move toward sustainable dining. Judaism commands us to be compassionate to animals and responsible stewards of the environment. The meat and dairy industries account for at least 18% of all global-warming gasses.

About 99% of the animals industrially raised for meat, fish and dairy products are treated inhumanely. We want to ensure that the meat and fish we serve at communal events is as sustainably and ethically produced as possible. If you are interested in helping us in this important work, please contact Les Judd at lesjudd@aol.com or 718-601-8918.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

- **Torah for Teens**

Saturday, October 23, 10:15AM, 86th Street Social Hall: Ever wonder what those Bible stories are that Hebrew school always skips over? Come for a little discussion, a little prayer, then we'll grab some delicious Bagel Basket cookies and hang out together. No need to R.S.V.P. For more information, contact Jason Fruithandler at jfruihandler@bj.org.

- **Teen Community Garden Project**

Sunday, October 24, 10:00AM-3:00PM, New Visions Community Garden: Join the BJ Teens as they reach out to local communities in need. Jason Fruithandler will lead this service day at the New Visions Community Garden in Brooklyn. Come for a day of planting, weeding, and community organizing! Meet at the north side of the subway station at 72nd and Broadway to travel as a group. For more information, contact Jason Fruithandler at jfruihandler@bj.org.

- **6th Grade Families Cooking for the BJ/SPSA Shelter**

Tuesday, November 2, 5:00-6:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Every month, a different grade of students and their families prepare a meal. Together, we cook, set and decorate the table, and engage in age-appropriate study and discussion about the Jewish value of feeding the hungry. This is a community-wide program; all families of 6th graders are invited to participate, no matter where your children receive their Jewish education. R.S.V.P. to Nancy Kline at nfkline@aol.com by Thursday, October 28.

- **November Tot Shabbat and Dinner**

Friday, November 5, 5:30PM, 88th Street: Rabbi Felicia Sol will lead a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service in the Sanctuary beginning at 5:30PM, followed by a dinner at 6:00PM in Frankel Hall complete with Shabbat blessings and songs. Dinner will include delicious choices for adults as well as children, and vegetarian options will be available; dietary laws observed. While adults are finishing their meal, children will be engaged in games and more songs! Register by Monday, November 1, and contact Kristen Kersey at kkersey@bj.org with any questions or specific dietary requests.

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

- **The Rabbinic Mind and Imagination: Pirke deRabbi Eliezer**

Rabbi Felicia L. Sol

8 Tuesdays (remaining classes October 26, November 2, 16, 23, 30, December 7; no class November 9), 12:30-1:45PM, BJ Office, Conference Room: Explore the way the Sages understood the Torah through the close textual reading of the 9th century midrashic work Pirke deRabbi Eliezer. Come to know how the rabbis thought and their creative imagination. No knowledge of Hebrew is required. Free of charge; registration required.

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

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

6 Tuesdays (remaining classes October 26, November 2, 16, 30, December 7), 6:30-8:00 PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: We resume our reading and study of Rabbi Heschel's gigantic work on rabbinic thought. *Heavenly Torah* explores the polarity 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

fundamental religious questions such as what is the reason for the mitzvot? What is the nature of prophecy? Where does the Torah come from? Please bring the book to class (available in paperback), no photocopies will be distributed. New participants are welcome. Free of charge; registration required.

- **Lunch and Learn: More Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis**

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

8 Thursdays (remaining classes October 28, November 4, 11, 18, December 2, 9), 12:30-1:30PM, location provided upon registration: We will continue our study of stories that reflect the concerns and struggles, fears and fantasies, even the dark side of our Talmudic sages. We will attempt to look at ourselves in the mirror of the Talmud in order to understand and confront our own nature. No knowledge of Hebrew is required. Please bring your own lunch. Registration is full; please contact Liz at erosenblum@bj.org to be added to the wait list.

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 Belinda Lasky, Assistant Executive Director, x224 or blasky@bj.org. We look forward to welcoming you to our community!

• **A Note from the Ushers: *There is now one Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat service.*** To prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before services begin. As the weather cools, please time your arrival accordingly. After services on Friday nights, please leave siddurim (prayer books) on the seats. Men are asked to wear kippot during services. Photography, cell phone use, and food are not permitted in the Sanctuary. To give the siddurim and humashim (Torah text) the respect they merit, they should not be placed on the floor

when not in use. Tallitot and damaged books may be brought to the back of the Sanctuary after Shabbat 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 and Network Out!**

Want to expand your network? Want to make more connections within the BJ community? Then join over 450 BJ members who already joined the "B'nai Jeshurun—New York City" BJ group on LinkedIn, www.linkedin.com. There you can share your professional network, post jobs, and respond to any ongoing discussions posted in the group.

• **We Want to See Your Face Every Day—on Facebook!**

Tired of knowing the faces in the crowd but not the names? Want to get to know more BJ members? Then join BJ's Facebook group, called B'nai Jeshurun NYC. You can see other members, post pictures and start discussions—all just a click away! We hope this tool will help build community at BJ from online to on-sight. Looking forward to seeing you there.

JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN:

See updated information about the Morning Minyan at www.bj.org/tefillah/minyan/. If you are interested in receiving a weekly minyan email, please contact Ari Priven at apriven@bj.org.

CREATING KEHILLAH *(continued from page 3)*

• **4th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Parent Orientation Meeting**

Wednesday, November 17, 7:00PM, 88th Street: Parents of children in 4th grade, or whose birthdates fall between September 2000 and December 2001, are invited to an informational meeting that will detail each step of the B'nai Mitzvah planning process. Though this meeting is optional, we highly encourage all parents to attend. Applications for dates will be turned in at this time, and there will be an opportunity for questions and answers. For more information, please refer to the B'nai Mitzvah link on the BJ website, www.bj.org, or contact Arlene Brandon at abrandon@bj.org or x223.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Tze'irim Shabbat Dinner**

Friday, November 12, following the service, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us for the first Tze'irim Shabbat Dinner of the year with Rabbinic Fellow Jason Fruithandler for a fully catered meal and wine in an intimate setting. A great chance to get together with friends, make new ones and start Shabbat together with beautiful z'mirot led by the BJ's musicians. \$23 members; \$28 non-members. To register, visit the BJ website, www.bj.org.

BEKEF: 35+

• **Bekef Walk from Coney Island to Brighton Beach and Back**

Sunday, October 31, 12:00PM, Coney Island Nathan's: Join Bekef for a 1.5-2 mile walk along the boardwalk, past the Aquarium to Brighton Beach, a.k.a. Little Odessa. We'll have lunch at a Russian Market, and then walk back. Henry Weinberger will share little tidbits of information about the area. Anyone interested in riding the Cyclone can do so. We'll either take the subway from the Upper West Side or carpool, depending on our numbers and people's preferences. R.S.V.P. to Craig at crosenberg6@optonline.net.

• **Shabbat at Home—How to be a Great Host and/or Guest**

Thursday, November 4, 7:00-9:00PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join Carol Gelles, a resident balaboosta and award-winning cookbook author, for an evening of strategies and tips on how to have a warm and inviting Shabbat experience at home whether you want to be a host and/or invited guest. Learn to be comfortable having guests regardless of the size of your home. The program will include providing the food whether you are buying or making it, how to participate in a successful pot-luck, and learn guest etiquette so you will be welcomed back. R.S.V.P. is required to Guy at gfelixbrodt@bj.org.

AFFILIATES

• **Upper West Side Textile and Clothing Recycling Day**

Sunday, October 24, 10:00AM-3:00PM, 77th Street Greenmarket at Columbus Avenue: Clean out your closet for this one-day textile and clothing recycling event. The average New Yorker tosses 46 pounds of clothing and textiles in the trash each year, totaling almost 6% of our entire residential waste stream. But with your help, landfills are going on a diet. Join GrowNYC's Million Pound Challenge to clean out closets of unwanted clean clothing, hats, coats, bedding, linens, shoes, bags handbags and more for re-use or recycling. More information at www.grownyc.org.

• **Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing**

Fall 2010, All Angels Episcopal Church: Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing (IAHH) is seeking your help for the Fall Semester to support their Panim el Panim program. Panim el Panim is a 13-week empowerment program that will assist 12 to 14 individuals who are or were recently homeless. The program includes life skill sessions, goal setting workshops, and the sharing of personal stories. If you are interested in sponsoring a meal, becoming a mentor, or learning more about the program, please contact Ariel at aschneider@bj.org or x229.

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