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HAYEI SARAH

TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL	Genesis 23:1 - 25:18
	Genesis 23:1 - 24:9
	1: 23:1 - 23:4
	2: 23:5 - 23:7
	3: 23:8 - 23:12
	4: 23:13 - 23:16
	5: 23:17 - 23:20
	6: 24:1 - 24:4
	7: 24:5 - 24:9
	Maftir: 24:5 - 24:9
HAFTARAH	Kings 1:1 - 31

NEXT WEEK: TOLEDOT

MEVARKHIM HAHOODESH	
TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL	Genesis 25:19 - 28:9
	Genesis 25:19 - 26:22
HAFTARAH	Samuel 20:18 - 42

October 29-November 5, 2010

21-28 Heshvan, 5771

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
Community Shabbat Dinner: Exploring Kabbalah—Professor Daniel Matt	Following Services – 88th St. Frankel Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary
Bar Mitzvah	Samuel Schiff
Bar Mitzvah	Jonah Greenberg

**Junior Congregation
Children's Services
Community Kiddush
Tze'irim's Books and Bagels**

10:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall
10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor
Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall
Following Services – 86th St. Parlor (SEE P.3)

**Raising Sparks: Finding God in the Material World—
Professor Daniel Matt**

5:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88th St.
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
BJ Hebrew School	4:00-6:00 PM
Limud: Introduction to Judaism	7:00 PM – BJ Office

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Limud: The Book of Exodus	8:30 AM – 88th St.
Limud: The Rabbinic Mind and Imagination	12:30 PM – BJ Office (SEE P.3)
6th Grade Families Cooking for the Shelter	5:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)
Limud: Heschel's Heavenly Torah	6:30 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program	12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Limud: More Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis	12:30 PM (SEE P.3)
BJ Hebrew School	4:00-6:00 PM
Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a	7:00 PM – BJ Office
Bekef: Shabbat At Home— How To Be a Great Host and/or Guest	7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.4)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Bim Bam	9:30 and 10:45 AM – 88th St.

! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

• Help Get Out The Vote!

Sunday, October 31, 2:00-5:30PM (meet at 1:45PM), meet at Hebrew Tabernacle, 551 Fort Washington Avenue just north of Bennett Park (A or 1 train to 181st St): Did you know there's a crucial election around the corner? Key issues like affordable housing, jobs, and LGBT rights will be impacted by this election. Help make it a positive impact. Join us for a short text study and then door-knocking with a non-partisan community group to encourage people to vote. R.S.V.P. to Abby Bellows at abellows@jewishjustice.org or 212-213-2113 x68.

• 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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM

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

- Sonia, James, Jennifer and Rebecca Cummings on the death of Sonia's beloved mother, Esther Dane.
- Lori, Ron, Justin and Johanna Seitenbach on the death of Lori's beloved father, Morris Ribler.
- Rabbi Jonathan Lipnick, Susan Scheuer and Daniella, Abigail and Noah Lipnick on the death of their beloved mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, Joan Lipnick Abelson.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Jonah, David and Ariella Greenberg and Dara Schaefer on Jonah becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Samuel, Jay, Amy, Eli and Mia Schiff on Samuel becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Rabbi Stephanie and Darone Ruskay on the birth of their twins, Nachshon Eitan and Betzalel Zamir, and to the Ruskay, Greenberg, Kidd, Liron and Bernstein families.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Raising the Sparks: Finding God in the Material World— Professor 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 Wiesenthal—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 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.

• **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 withearhandeachother.org.

• **Okef Lod Film Screening and Discussion with the Filmmaker**
Monday, November 15, 7:00PM, 88th Street: Join us for the screening of *Okef Lod* as part of the JCC in Manhattan's Other Israel Film Festival. Amal High School in Lod is the last opportunity for students who failed other

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Vickie and Armand Schiff and Leslie and Daniel Merims in honor of their grandson, Sam, becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Loren F. Lapidus, Rabbi Steven H. Rau, and Jon Amsler and 10th Grade Class, The Temple, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Rabbi Larry Freedman and high school students, Temple Beth Jacob, Newburgh, New York.
- Rabbi Adam Grossman and Confirmation Class, Temple Israel, Memphis, Tennessee.
- Rabbi Shoshana Nyer and Confirmation and Post-Confirmation Classes, Temple B'nai Shalom, Fairfax Station, Virginia.
- Molly Goldberg and students, Abraham Joshua Heschel School Day School, Northridge, California.
- Rabbi Adam Stein and Ms. Patti Platte and Confirmation group, Congregation Beth Shalom, Overland Park, Kansas.

educational frameworks to complete their high school education. We follow three students' stories through the eyes of the school's principal, who is determined that his students will succeed against all odds. Followed by a conversation with Director Orna Raviv. \$8 for all; purchase at jccmanhattan.org or at the door.

• Men's Havurah

Saturday, November 20, 5:00-7:30PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: The gathering will feature BJ member Ron Taffel speaking on "The Importance of Men's Happiness in Family Life: Another Politically Incorrect Discussion." Ron is a noted child and family therapist, the author of five popular and two professional books, as well as over one hundred articles for professionals and parents. He has been featured in The NY Times and has appeared on The Today Show, The Early Morning Today Show, Good Morning America, The CBS Morning Show, Dateline, 20/20, Primetime Live and The Larry King Show. Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein will host this gathering.

• Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 24, 7:00-8:30PM, 86th Street: Join with our neighbors of all faith traditions to give thanks on the eve of Thanksgiving. There will be a light reception after the service. Clergy from several churches and synagogues will be participating. Hosted by B'nai Jeshurun, Sacred Center, St. Paul and St. Andrew and West-Park Presbyterian Church. Please bring checks made out to the West Side Campaign Against Hunger. For more information, please contact Rabbi Michelle Dardashti at mdardashti@bj.org or x264.

• 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.



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.

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.

• **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.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **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.

• **6th Grade Learning Program**

Saturday, November 6, 9:30AM, 86th Street Chapel: Just as the Torah has been studied throughout the generations, your child is part of the line of Jewish learning. And just as there is much to learn, so too will our community learn from the teaching your child gives on that parasha. At this program, we'll begin a series of workshops that lets students dive into their parasha using theatrical, interpretive, and creative skills based on the Storahelling method. After the program, families are encouraged to join Junior Congregation in the Social Hall. Register online at www.bj.org before November 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 arabrandon@bj.org or x223.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Tze'irim's Books and Bagels**

Saturday, October 30, following Shabbat morning services, 86th Street Parlor: Join your fellow Tze'irim friends for some bagels and a book swap. Here's how it works: choose two to three books you just loved, write your name on the inside cover, and bring them. Then pick up some food from the kiddush and head upstairs to meet new friends and choose some new books! You can take up to the same amount of books you brought. Come back in a month to return the books, get some new ones, and reconnect. No R.S.V.P. necessary.

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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 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 November 2, 16, 30, December 7; no class November 9), 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; no photocopies will be distributed. New participants welcome. Free of charge; registration required.

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

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

8 Thursdays (remaining classes 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.

• **BJ Israel Salons**

Rabbi Marcelo R. Bronstein

Tuesday, November 16 and 30, 12:00-2:00PM, location given upon registration: Please bring your own lunch; refreshments and cookies will be provided. Marcelo will again facilitate Beit Midrash Salons. All the Salons will be dedicated to Israel. We'll be looking into Israeli society through documentary films, text and sometimes a guest speaker to foster meaningful conversations about Israel, its beauty and complexity. Each Salon is a 2-session series. November Salons are open to all BJ members. Limited space is available. Location provided upon R.S.V.P. 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 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)

• **Tze'irim Ice Skating Under the Stars**

Tuesday, November 9, 8:00PM, Citi Pond at Bryant Park: There's a chill in the air, and Tze'irim is going ice skating. Whether you're a first-timer or the next Evan Lysacek, come take a spin under the stars at the 17,000 square foot rink in Bryant Park. We've got VIP access and we're ready to see your moves. To register, please visit www.bj.org. The cost is \$9 with skate rentals and \$2 without skate rentals. Space is limited.

• **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 www.bj.org.

• **Shabbat Potluck Dinner with Member of Knesset Shlomo Molla**

Friday, November 19, 8:00PM, 86th Street: Tze'irim is delighted to invite you to a potluck dinner where we are excited to be joined by Shlomo Molla, an Ethiopian member of Knesset since February, 2008. Please R.S.V.P. on the Tze'irim page of www.bj.org. Please remember to mark on your registration form what dairy or veggie dish you are bringing to share.

• **Tze'irim Goes to the Knicks**

Monday, January 24, 7:30PM, Madison Square Garden: Join Tze'irim at Madison Square Garden to watch the New York Knicks take on All-Star

Gilbert Arenas, First Overall Pick John Wall, and the Washington Wizards. Tickets are in the 300s section and only \$35.00, which includes a \$10.00 food and beverage voucher. Seats are limited. Registration link to come.

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 potluck, and learn guest etiquette so you will be welcomed back. R.S.V.P. is required to Guy at guyfelixbrodt@bj.org.

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