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NITZAVIM-VAYELEKH

TORAH: ANNUAL Deuteronomy 29:9 - 31:30

TRIENNIAL Deuteronomy 29:9 - 30:14

1: 29:9 - 29:11

2: 29:12 - 29:14

3: 29:15 - 29:28

4: 30:1 - 30:3

5: 30:4 - 30:6

6: 30:7 - 30:10

7: 30:11 - 30:14

Maftir: 30:11 - 30:14

HAFTARAH

Isaiah 61:10 - 63:9

NEXT WEEK: HA'AZINU

SHABBAT SHUVAH

TORAH Deuteronomy 32:1 - 52

HAFTARAH Hosea 14:2 - 14:10,

Micah 7:18 - 7:20

High Holy Day Entrance Card Pick-Up

The High Holy Days are quickly approaching and the deadline to mail entrance cards has passed. Upon joining or rejoining BJ, you must pick up your entrance cards in our office. Contact Jon Wood at jwood@bj.org or visit www.bj.org for more information.

September 23-30, 2011

24 Elul, 5771-2 Tishrei, 5772

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary

Children's Services

10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor

Young Families Kiddush

Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall (SEE P.2)

Community Kiddush

Following Services – 86th St. Chapel

Selihot Teaching

9:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)

With Rabbi Simon Jacobson

Coffee Hour

10:30 PM

Selihot Service

11:00 PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

New Members Brunch

11:00 AM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Selihot at Morning Minyan

7:10 AM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ Hebrew School

4:00-6:00 PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Selihot at Morning Minyan

7:10 AM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

BJ OFFICE CLOSURES AT 1:00PM

Selihot at Morning Minyan

7:10 AM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Services

SEE P.4

FIRST EVENING ROSH HASHANAH

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Services

SEE P.4

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

Cancelled this week

BJ Hebrew School

Closed

FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Services

SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH

SEE P.4

! SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

• Mitzvah in Your Sleep: Become a Shelter Sleeper Volunteer

We have a shortage of sleep over volunteers and would like to sign up 50 new shelter volunteers by the end of the High Holy Days. Help us meet this challenge and become a new volunteer. It is easy to sign up for one night a month or one night every other month for the year. This is your chance to fulfill the mitzvah of hospitality, feeding the hungry and welcoming the stranger—all while sleeping through the night. To volunteer, please contact Channa at ccamins@bj.org or call x259.

• If Kids Can't Read, They Can't Learn. You Can Help.

BJ Reads offers you the chance to make a tangible difference in the life of an elementary school child who is not yet reading at grade level. Reading takes place at P.S. 166, 132 West 89th Street, on Monday or Wednesday mornings. Please call the program chairs: Ellen Schecter, 212-932-9044, or Sandy Davidson, 212-724-2013.

In preparation for

the High Holy Days, please join us

to hear the shofar with your community at the Morning Minyan during the month of Elul.

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.

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 YENAHM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our beloved member Bronia Dresner, and we extend our sincere condolences to her daughter, Sylvia Dresner, and to their entire family.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Sara Meyer and Danny Loya on their recent wedding.
- Noah, Jonathan, Daniella and Abigail Lipnick and Susan Scheuer on Noah's becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

TODAH RABBAH

This week's Children's Kiddush is sponsored by Kristen, Steven and Eliana Nitsberg in memory of Ruth Schwartz, z"l, great-grandmother of Eliana.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Join us for Selihot at the BJ Morning Minyan

Monday, September 26 through Wednesday, September 28, 7:10AM, 88th Street: From the first day of Elul, Sefardim across the globe have been rising before dawn to recite Selihot, special prayers of repentance, in a final push to prepare for the spiritual challenge of the Yamim Nora'im—and so will we. The BJ morning minyan, led by BJ Rabbinic Fellows Jonah Geffen and Adam Roffman, BJ Cantorial Intern Shoshi Rosenbaum, and past MTM Fellow Rabbi Ezra Weinberg, will meet at 7:10AM this coming Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to say Selihot prior to our regular Shaḥarit service. There are important elements of Selihot that cannot be said without a minyan, so your presence is much appreciated. Please join us for this unique experience.

• Picturing Community: 25 Years of Life at BJ

Through 2012, 88th Street Frankel Hall: This show is all about BJ's dynamic, creative, and committed community. Over 120 photographs feature our rabbis, ḥazzan, members, and guests from the last quarter century at retreats, trips, celebrations, s'maḥot, marches, lobbying days, meetings, and prayer—all of these activities and more. Historic artifacts from the BJ Archives are also on display in the cases. There are no regular exhibit times at present. Plan a little extra time to see the show when other events are taking place.

• New Members Brunch Discussing the Ins and Outs of High Holy Days

Sunday, September 25, 11:00AM-12:30PM (following morning minyan), 88th Street Frankel Hall: Multiple locations? Rotating rabbis? Find out what really happens around the High Holy Days so you know what to expect. Prepare yourself for an exciting introduction into the community! Bring your High Holy Day entrance cards. For new members only.

• New Member Potluck Dinner in the Sukkah

Tuesday, October 18, 6:30-8:00PM, 86th Street Sukkah: Experience Sukkot for the first time as a BJ member, and shake the lulav and etrog with others who are also new to the community. Together we'll enjoy a festive potluck dinner in our very own sukkah. Learn about what makes Sukkot so special at BJ and what opportunities you now have as a member. Please bring a dairy vegetarian dish to share. R.S.V.P. to Jon Wood at jwood@bj.org by October 11.

• Mekusharim Lunch and Learn in the Sukkah

Wednesday, October 19, 12:00PM, 86th Street Sukkah: Join BJ Rabbinic Fellow Adam Roffman for a lunch and learn in the Sukkah. Please bring your own dairy/vegetarian lunch. Registration encouraged at www.bj.org.

• The Stories Behind the Tweets and Videos from Israel

Wednesday, October 26, 7:00-8:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Hear about Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein's recent month-long trip to Israel, where he met with a wide range of activists and innovators. He'll be showing his videos and sharing Tweets from the trip.

• More Ushers Needed

Are you outgoing, friendly and warm? We need you to join our Ushering committee to greet people at Shabbat morning services. How much time you give is up to you. As you know, ushering creates an important first impression for BJ. It is all about making people feel welcome at services and helping to seat our visitors. If you are interested, and we hope you are, please contact Elaine Nevins, enevins@nyc.rr.com, or Shelly Ostro, skelda1@hotmail.com, for details.

YAMIM NORA'IM 5772

• Selihot

Saturday, September 24, teaching at 9:00PM, followed by coffee hour at 10:30PM and the Selihot service at 11:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Acclaimed and beloved spiritual mentor and teacher Rabbi Simon Jacobson will conduct a provocative learning session that will forever change the way you experience the High Holy Days. Learn how the Yamim Nora'im tell the story of each one of our lives, as expressed in some of Judaism's most compelling questions: Is there hope after loss? Can we rebuild after destruction? Can we find truth in a corrupt world? Can we touch heaven even as we stand on earth? Can we, as people and as nations, discover true peace?

• West Side Campaign Against Hunger Kol Nidre Drive

BJ is again partnering with the West Side Campaign Against Hunger for our annual Kol Nidre drive. We ask that contributions be made in the form of a check made out to West Side Campaign Against Hunger. You'll find drop boxes for checks or envelopes at Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur services. Please do not bring canned goods or other items for donation to services, as for security reasons we cannot accept these packages.

• Yom Kippur Community Break Fast

Saturday, October 8, following Teki'at Shofar and Havdalah, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us for our Community Break Fast. \$23 members / \$33 non-members, and \$10 for children ages 6-12. Space is limited, so register soon at www.bj.org to reserve your spot. For more information, contact Guy at gfelixbrodt@bj.org.

CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• Habitat for Humanity Service Opportunity

Sunday, November 6, 9:15AM-4:30PM, Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn: Join a group of 10 BJ volunteers for a day of service! Through Habitat for Humanity, we will be working to rehabilitate eight condo units for families in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn. Our team may work on tasks such as painting and flooring installation. All volunteers must be 16 or older. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Channa at ccamins@bj.org to R.S.V.P.

• Habitat for Humanity Service Opportunity

Sunday, November 13, time TBD, Lehman Senior Center in Manhattan: Join a group of 10 BJ volunteers for a day of service! Through Habitat for Humanity, we will be working on a Brush with Kindness project. Our team may work on tasks such as painting. All volunteers must be 16 or older. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Channa at ccamins@bj.org to R.S.V.P.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• Young Families Kiddush

Saturday, September 24, 12:00PM, 86th Street Chapel: Families with young children are invited to join us after Children's Services for a free family lunch. We'll have mac n' cheese for the kids and lunch for parents, so come ready to enjoy Shabbat. Members are encouraged to invite their friends. Lunch is sponsored by Kristen, Steven and Eliana Nitsberg in memory of Ruth Schwartz, z"l, great-grandmother of Eliana. To sponsor a future kiddush, contact Guy Felixbrodt at 212-787-7600 x255.

• Hanukkah Play Auditions and Rehearsal

Sunday, September 25, 11:30AM-2:30PM, 88th Street: Children in grades 3-8 are invited to audition for BJ's Hanukkah Play. There will be a short rehearsal with lunch at 12:30PM, followed by auditions. Once you audition, you can leave for the day. Prepare a short song that best shows off your voice. Improv and/or readings from the script will be used as well. Rehearsals begin October 16; performances on December 11 and 12. Questions? Contact Michael Kelberg at kelberg@aol.com.

• Sukkah Decorating Party

Tuesday, October 11, 3:30-5:30PM, BJ Sukkah at 86th Street: Bring your arts and crafts skills, and decorate the BJ Sukkah! Children and families of all ages are welcome to join us for a fun-filled afternoon of drawing, cutting, and hanging original decorations that they make. Sign up at www.bj.org so we're sure to provide enough materials!

• Bim Bam's Sukkah Breakfast

Sunday, October 16, 10:00-10:45AM, BJ Sukkah at 86th Street: Children aged three and under and their families are invited in to the BJ sukkah to sing, dance, socialize, and eat a late breakfast as we read the PJ Library book *Sadie's Breakfast in the Sukkah*. This special Sukkot Bim Bam event is open to the BJ community and will be led by an experienced musician. Space is limited; please register at www.bj.org. Contact Amanda at aschanfield@bj.org with questions.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• BJ Sukkahfest

Wednesday, October 12 – Sunday, October 16 (*weekend-only option also available*), Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center: Surround yourself with fall foliage and friends as we celebrate in our lakeside sukkah. Enjoy Egalitarian, Renewal, and Hassidic minyanim and learning sessions alongside Rabbi Ezra Weinberg (former BJ Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow). This retreat is co-sponsored by BJ. Use code BJSF11 at registration for 20% off room and board! For information and registration, visit the Isabella Freedman website, isabellafreedman.org, or contact Gregg Schwartz at gregg.schwartz@gmail.com.

• An Evening Under the Stars

Tuesday, October 18, 8:00PM, 86th Street Sukkah: What is Sukkot with out "An Evening Under the Stars"? Join Tze'irim for our annual Sukkah event. Bring your favorite bottle of wine or dessert and share with others as we mingle, meet, and celebrate together. Contact Michelle at m.hamburgh@gmail.com with any questions.

HAVUROT

• 40+ Havurah Shabbat Dinner

Friday, September 30, following services, location given upon R.S.V.P.: Singles and couples are invited to enjoy Shabbat dinner. Space is limited; must pay in advance. Cost: \$35. For details, contact Rose Bell at rose135ny@aol.com.

• 40+ Havurah Break Fast

Saturday, October 8, following services, location given upon R.S.V.P.: Singles and couples are invited to enjoy a Break Fast. Space is limited; must pay in advance. Cost: \$30. For details, contact Rose Bell at rose135ny@aol.com.

• BJ Sings in the Sukkah

Saturday, October 15, 1:15PM, 86th Street Sukkah: BJ Sings will meet for the first time this year in the sukkah. Bring your lunch and extend your Shabbat observance by singing with us for an hour. All are welcome to attend.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• Forgiveness: A Time to Love and a Time to Hate

2 Tuesdays (October 4 and 11), 7:30PM, The Center at West Park, 165 West 86th Street: Join BJ members who serve on the board of the Center at West Park, an independent, non-profit organization, dedicated to the arts, social activism, and intergenerational education, to view "Forgiveness: A Time to Love and a Time to Hate." Filmmaker Helen Whitney tackles these issues in her two-part documentary, offering a compelling range of intimate and powerful stories: from personal betrayal to reconciliation. She will be present for Q&A at the second showing. For more information and registration, visit thecenteratwestpark.com.

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

• Introduction to Judaism

Adam Roffman, BJ Rabbinic Fellow

Mondays (October 31-May 28), 7:00-9:00PM, BJ Office: 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. Registration required; individuals \$420/\$636, couples \$630/\$945 at www.bj.org.

WELCOME TO B'NAI JESHURUN!

• **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. Our fair share dues system ensures no one will be turned away based on financial reasons. For more information, contact Jon Wood, Membership Associate, at x250 or jwood@bj.org.

• **A Note From the Ushers:** To prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before services begin. Both kippot and tallitot are available in the back of the Sanctuary. Photography, cell phone use, writing and food are not permitted in the Sanctuary. Damaged books may be brought to the back of the Sanctuary.

• **Assistive Listening Devices for Services at BJ** are available during services at both 88th and 86th Streets. Ask an usher if you need one and please return the device when you leave.

• **Expand Your Social and Professional Network on LinkedIn and Facebook!** Hundreds of BJ members connect with each other through LinkedIn and Facebook. Become a member of the private "B'nai Jeshurun - New York City" LinkedIn group and benefit from your connection to this large community. You can share your professional information, post jobs, and be part of ongoing discussions. "Like" BJ's Facebook page, "B'nai Jeshurun NYC," and stay up-to-date with what's happening in the community.

JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN: Find current Morning Minyan information at www.bj.org/minyan. To receive a weekly minyan schedule by email, contact Ari Priven at apriven@bj.org.

Yamim Nora'im 5772 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SELIHOT

Saturday, September 24

88th Street:

Teaching	9:00 PM
Coffee Hour	10:30 PM
Service	11:00 PM

ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, September 28

First Evening

Services, 86th St. SPSA, 88th St.*	6:30 PM
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Thursday, September 29

First Day

Services, 86th St. SPSA, JALC, SymSp*	9:00 AM
Children's Services, 86th St. SPSA Chapel, JALC, SymSp*	10:30 AM
Family Service, 88th St.	10:30 AM
Study, 88th St.	5:00 PM
Tashlikh, Riverside Park	6:00 PM

Thursday, September 29

Second Evening

Service, 88th St.	7:00 PM
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Friday, September 30

Second Day

Services, 86th St. SPSA, 88th St.*	9:00 AM
Children's Services, 86th St. SPSA Chapel, 88th St. Frankel Hall*	10:30 AM
Junior Congregation, 86th St. SPSA Social Hall	10:30 AM

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, September 30

Kabbalat Shabbat, 88th St.	7:00 PM
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Saturday, October 1

Services, 86th St. SPSA	9:30 AM
Junior Congregation, 86th St. Social Hall	10:30 AM
Children's Services, 86th St. SPSA Chapel	10:45 AM

YOM KIPPUR

Friday, October 7

Kol Nidre

Services, 86th St., JALC, SymSp*	6:00 PM
Family Service, 88th St.	6:00 PM

Saturday, October 8

Services, 86th St. SPSA, JALC, SymSp*	9:00 AM
Children's Services, 86th St. SPSA Chapel, JALC, SymSp*	10:30 AM
Family Service, 88th St.	10:30 AM
Minḥa & Ne'ilah Services, 86th St. SPSA, JALC, SymSp*	4:30 PM
Children's processions	6:50 PM
Teki'at Shofar & Havdalah	7:08 PM

- **88th Street** services are at the B'nai Jeshurun Synagogue, 257 W. 88th Street between Broadway and West End Avenue.
- **86th Street (SPSA)** services are at the Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew, 86th Street and West End Avenue.
- **Jazz at Lincoln Center (JALC)** services are at Frederick P. Rose Hall, Broadway at 60th Street.
- **Symphony Space (SymSp)** services are at 2537 Broadway at 95th Street.

* Based on pre-assigned location for services

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