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KI TAVO

TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL	Deuteronomy 26:1 - 29:8
	Deuteronomy 26:12 - 28:6
1:	26:12 - 26:15
2:	26:16 - 26:19
3:	27:1 - 27:3
4:	27:4 - 27:8
5:	27:6 - 27:10
6:	27:11 - 28:3
7:	28:4 - 28:6
Maftir:	28:4 - 28:6

HAFTARAH Isaiah 60:1 - 22

NEXT WEEK: NITZAVIM

TORAH: ANNUAL TRIENNIAL Deuteronomy 29:9 - 30:20

HAFTARAH Isaiah 61:10 - 63:9

September 7-14, 2012

20-27 Elul, 5772

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Tot Shabbat and Dinner 5:15 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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

Naming Riley Elizabeth Wanner

Children's Services 10:45 AM – **86th St. Chapel and Parlor**
Community Kiddush Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall
Picnic in the Park with 35-55s 1:00 PM – Central Park (SEE P.2)

Selihot Teaching: Why Don't People Ever Seem to Change? (and How We Can) 9:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)

Coffee Hour 10:30 PM
Selihot Service 11:00 PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.
Teen Kick-Off Program 5:00 PM – 88th St.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Selihot 7:00 AM – 88th St.
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Selihot 7:00 AM – 88th St.
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Selihot 7:00 AM – 88th St.
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Limud: Preparation for Yamim Nora'im 7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Selihot 7:00 AM – 88th St.
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Selihot 7:00 AM – 88th St.
Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

• DOROT's Rosh Hashanah Package Delivery and 9/11 Day of Service

Sunday, September 9, 10:00AM-12:00PM, 171 West 85th Street: Join DOROT, an organization committed to enhancing the lives of the elderly and bringing generations together, by participating in this year's Day of Service. Visit with a DOROT senior to share memories and hope. This is a wonderful opportunity for both individuals and families to connect with someone on the Upper East or West Side. Advance registration is required for families or Upper East Side volunteers. To find out more or to register, call 212-769-2850 or visit www.dorotusa.org.

FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE

Shabbat Morning Services: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION! Beginning **Saturday, September 8,** Shabbat morning services will start at 9:30AM at 86th Street. Children's services will start at 10:45AM at the 86th Street Chapel and Parlor.

SHABBAT ELUL DAY 21: Encounter Your Desires, and Refocus Them

Upon sensing emptiness in their lives, most people urgently seek to fill the seeming void with all kinds of things... Teshuvah allows us to re-contextualize desire, by redirecting it to its source.

In order to bring desire back to its positive, non-destructive purpose, first become aware of your desire for material things. Say you have a strong desire to acquire a new pair of shoes, even though you have more shoes than you really need. Realize that this desire is merely a shadow of a deeper urge, perhaps for connection to the Source through an experience of beauty and newness. Ask yourself: 'can I find a sense of beauty or newness deep within myself? Will another pair of shoes, another drink, book, car, bring me lasting satisfaction?'

— From: *Reclaiming the Self: On the Pathway to Teshuvah*, by Rabbi Dov Ber Pinson

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 YENAHĒM

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

- Scott, Susan, Zoe, and Max Grodnick on the death of Scott's father, Armil Grodnick.
- Gail Goodman on the death of her mother, Mim Goodman.
- Larry Zuckerman and Alice Gottesman and their children, Zachary, Eleanor, and Jessica, on the death of Larry's father, James Zuckerman.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Robin, Martin and Alexandra Wanner, Marlene and Murray Altman on the naming of their daughter, sister, and granddaughter, Riley.
- Renee Cherow-O'Leary and John O'Leary on the wedding of their son, David Eli, to Ashley Bank.
- Oriyan, Jonathan, and Maya Schwartz on the birth of their daughter and sister, Rena Lev.
- Elissa, Daniel, and Hazel Kestin on the birth of their daughter and sister, Hayley Fiona.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Membership and High Holy Day Information

Now is a great time to join or renew your membership with the BJ community! In order for us to provide entrance cards for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, membership applications must be in our office and date-stamped by Friday, September 7. Contact Belinda Lasky at blasky@bj.org or visit www.bj.org for more information.

• Shabbat Afternoon Picnic in the Park with 35-55s

Saturday, September 8, 1:00-3:00PM, Central Park, southwest corner of the Great Lawn behind Ballfield #1: Don't you love to picnic with friends? If you're approximately 35-55, come meet new people for an afternoon in the park. Bring blankets and a kosher vegetarian snack or drinks to share. R.S.V.P. to ytbn.rsvp@gmail.com by September 6.

• Be Inspired—Context

Sunday, September 9, 10:30AM, Jewish Theological Seminary, 3080 Broadway: Immerse yourself in Jewish history, thought and major texts of the ancient, medieval, and modern periods. Develop a sophisticated understanding of Jewish civilization and your own place on the Jewish continuum. Context offers in-depth Jewish study over two years on Tuesday nights at 7:30PM. To learn more, attend this free information session, visit www.jtsa.edu/context, or call 212-870-5850.

• L'Chaim Tovim Happy Hour with Mekusharim

Thursday, September 20, 6:00PM, Serafina Upper West, 2178 Broadway: L'Chaim Tovim is an opportunity for a Happy Hour to toast the new year together. We hope to see you there. R.S.V.P. to Sarah Guthartz at sguthartz@bj.org.

• New Member Potluck Dinner in the Sukkah

Wednesday, October 3, 6:30-8:00PM, 86th Street Sukkah: Join other new members to celebrate this harvest festival with dinner in our very own BJ Sukkah. Bring a dairy vegetarian potluck dish to share. R.S.V.P. to Lisa at lfriedman@bj.org.

• Sukkah Party Under the Stars with 35-55s

Wednesday, October 3, 8:30-10:00PM, 86th Street Sukkah: Join the YTBN group for a sukkah party under the stars. Celebrate Sukkot in the BJ sukkah and shake the lulav and etrog with us. Please bring a kosher dessert or beverage. R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org by Friday, September 28.

• New Member Shabbat Dinner

Friday, October 26, following the 6:30PM service, 88th Street: If you are a new member, experience the joy and warmth of Shabbat with us at BJ! Meet other new members who will later join you at the New Member Orientation Program. R.S.V.P. to Lisa at lfriedman@bj.org.

CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• Volunteer Opportunities with BJ Reads and the BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership

Monday-Thursday, Various Times, P.S. 166, 132 West 89th Street and P.S. 125, 425 West 123rd Street: BJ Reads, P.S. 166, and the BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership, P.S. 125, offer volunteers the opportunity to make a

tangible difference in the lives of elementary school children through reading. If you are interested and available between 9:00-11:00AM on Mondays or Wednesdays, please contact the BJ Reads co-chairs Ellen Schechter, ellen.schechter@gmail.com or Sandy Davidson, sandyd001@rcn.com. For opportunities on Tuesdays or Thursdays, please contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org for the BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership Program.

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

• Introduction to Judaism

Adam Roffman, BJ Rabbinic Fellow

Mondays (October 15-May 13), 7:00-9:00PM, BJ Office, Conference Room: 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 at www.bj.org. Cost: individuals \$420/\$636, couples \$630/\$945.

• Contemplative Practice Classes: Creating Space for Quiet

Rabbis Rachel Cowan and Marcelo Bronstein

5 Thursdays (October 18, November 8, 15, 29 and December 6), 7:00-9:00PM, 88th St. Sanctuary: At the core of many religions is a contemplative practice involving meditation, reflection, deep listening and cultivation of loving-kindness, compassion, truthfulness and clarity. BJ has been in the forefront of renewing this tradition in the synagogue setting. This class combines regular practice for experienced meditators with instruction suitable for beginners. Free: registration required at www.bj.org.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **September Tot Shabbat**

Friday, September 7, 5:15PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Families will enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service filled with singing and dancing. Services begin at 5:15PM followed by a dinner at 5:45PM in Frankel Hall complete with Shabbat blessings and songs. Dinner will include delicious choices for adults and children, with vegetarian options; dietary laws observed. While adults are finishing their meal, teen volunteers will engage children in games and more songs! Register at www.bj.org by Wednesday, September 5. Contact Kristen Kersey at kkersey@bj.org with questions or dietary requests.

TZE'IRIM: 20s/30s

• **Tze'irim Cooks for the Shelter**

Monday, September 24, 6:00-7:30PM, 86th Street: Join us as we make dinner for the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. Meet at 6:00PM in the kitchen (please note, we are cooking at SPSA, 263 West 86th Street). As usual, there is a suggested donation to help cover the cost of groceries [\$6-10]. No cooking experience is necessary. R.S.V.P. by Sunday, September 23.

HAVUROT

• **50+ Havurah Shabbat Dinner**

Friday, September 21, following services, location given with R.S.V.P.: Join the 50+ Yedidim havurah (formerly 40+), singles and couples with single

friends for a Rosh Hashanah Shabbat dinner after BJ services on the UWS. New year, new you. Meet new friends, reconnect with old friends, make new connections. R.S.V.P. for details to rose135ny@aol.com.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

• **City of Promises**

Monday, September 10, 8:15PM, 92nd Street Y: The authors and editor of *City of Promises: A History of the Jews of New York*, including Howard Rock, Annie Polland, and Daniel Soyer, will make presentations and answer questions about their comprehensive interpretation of a Jewish urban community from 1865 to the present. *Volume 1, Haven of Liberty: New York Jews in the New World, 1654 to 1865*, includes a great deal of B'nai Jeshurun's early years. The books will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$29 at www.92y.org

• **REPAIR: Tikkun Olam Festival of Performance**

Friday, October 19, 9:00PM, The JCC in Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Avenue at 76 Street: Join us at the REPAIR Salon, part of the first annual REPAIR Festival dedicated to presenting new theater, music, and dance by artists whose goal is to build community by drawing on the Jewish value of Tikkun Olam. It's a night to share songs, music and stories—not as our audience but as our guests. Neither a performance nor a Shabbat service, the salon is a time set aside to repair the world, together. Refreshments will be served. R.S.V.P. to Larissa at lwohl@bj.org.

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• **Selihot—Why Don't People Ever Seem to Change? (and How We Can)**

Saturday, September 8, teaching at 9:00PM followed by coffee hour at 10:30PM and the Selihot service at 11:00PM, 88th Street: The teaching will be facilitated by Rabbi Shai Held, Co-Founder and Chair in Jewish Thought at Mechon Hadar. Contemporary culture gives us many mixed messages. On the one hand, we're told that free will is an illusion; on the other hand, we're told that we're so malleable even our brains are "plastic." A mature spirituality recognizes that it's extremely hard to change who we are and that we're nevertheless obligated to work on doing just that. With the help of Jewish sources in conversation with contemporary psychology, we'll explore both obstacles and opportunities for personal growth.

Please note: The New Member Brunch Discussing the Ins and Outs of High Holy Days at BJ, scheduled for **Sunday, September 9**, has been cancelled. Please contact Lisa Friedman at lfriedman@bj.org if you're a new member and have questions about High Holy Day entrance cards, services, or events.

• **Preparation for Yamim Nora'im 2012**

BJ Rabbinic Fellows Adam Roffman and Jonah Geffen
2 Wednesdays (remaining class September 12), 7:00-8:30PM, 88th St. Frankel Hall: During the Yamim Nora'im the Jewish people conduct a "heshbon hanefesh/accounting of the soul." This is a difficult task, but the expectations of our tradition are accompanied by wisdom and practices that guide and inspire us to meet this challenge. Accordingly, Elul is set aside as a period of prayer and introspection that inspires the High Holy Days to come. Together we can establish the pathways to the soul that make the Yamim Nora'im a time of great depth and transformation. Register at www.bj.org.

• **Community Break Fast**

Wednesday, September 26, following Ne'ilah, 88th Street Frankel Hall: We are delighted to offer a delicious meal to break the fast with the community following Yom Kippur services. Cost: \$13/child; \$23/member; \$33/non-member. Register at www.bj.org by Friday, September 21.

• **New Member Yom Kippur Break Fast**

Wednesday, September 26, following Ne'ilah, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Looking for somewhere to break the fast after Yom Kippur? Look no further! A special table will be reserved just for new members. Register at www.bj.org by Friday, September 21.

• **Break the Fast After Yom Kippur for 35-55s**

Wednesday, September 26, following Ne'ilah, 88th Street Frankel Hall: If you're looking to connect with people in the 35-55 group after Yom Kippur, join us at the Community Break Fast. A table will be reserved for this group following Yom Kippur services. Cost: \$23/member; \$33/non-member. Register at www.bj.org by Friday, September 21.

• **Tekiyah! Daily Reflections for Elul**

Each morning in Elul, the shofar's call reminds us not only of the approach of the Yamim Nora'im, but also evokes within us a sense of urgency for the spiritual work necessary for teshuvah, a return to our better selves. To provide us with guidance, focus, and intention in this often challenging process, service leaders each morning at minyan, when the shofar is sounded, and on Friday night will offer a specific kavannah, or reflection. Reflections will also be posted daily at www.bj.org.

• **Listen to the High Holy Days at BJ**

Did you know that you can listen to the haunting, inspiring, and beloved liturgy of the High Holy Days at BJ at home...or anywhere else you like? What a wonderful way to prepare for the holidays. BJ's rabbis, hazzan, and musicians play and chant the prayers from Zokhenu LeHayim to Avinu Malkenu. Stream the music at www.bj.org/tekiyahcd or follow the link from there to purchase the CD.

• **Schmooze and Help During Yamim Nora'im: Volunteer as an Usher**

Play a vital role this year during Yamim Nora'im and serve as an usher. Please complete the High Holy Day Ushering Form at www.bj.org/usher to fill needed shifts at your location. If you have questions, contact Lisa Friedman at lfriedman@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 Lisa Friedman, Membership Associate, at x250 or lfriedman@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.

• **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. **Please join us to hear the shofar each morning during the month of Elul.**

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SELIHOT

Saturday, September 8

88th Street:

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

ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, September 16

First Evening

Services, 88th St., 86th St. SPSA*	6:30 PM
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Monday, September 17

First Day

Services, 88th St., 86th St. SPSA, JALC*	9:00 AM
Children's Services (Ages 0-6), 86th St. SPSA Chapel, JALC, SymSp*	10:30 AM
Family Service (Ages 7-12), SymSp	10:30 AM
Study, 88th St.	5:00 PM
Tashlikh, Riverside Park	6:00 PM

Monday, September 17

Second Evening

Service, 88th St.	7:15 PM
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Tuesday, September 18

Second Day

Services, 86th St. SPSA, 88th St.*	9:00 AM
Children's Services (Ages 0-6), 86th St. SPSA Chapel	10:30 AM
Junior Congregation (Ages 7-12), 88th St. Frankel Hall	10:30 AM

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, September 21

Kabbalat Shabbat, 88th St.	7:00 PM
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Saturday, September 22

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

YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, September 25

Kol Nidre

Services, 88th St., 86th St. SPSA, JALC*	6:15 PM
Family Service, SymSp	6:15 PM

Wednesday, September 25

Services, 88th St., 86th St. SPSA, JALC*	9:00 AM
Children's Services (Ages 0-6), 86th St. SPSA Chapel, JALC, SymSp	10:30 AM
Family Service (Ages 7-12), SymSp	10:30 AM
Minḥa & Ne'ilah Services, 88th St., 86th St. SPSA, JALC	4:45 PM
Children's processions, 88th St., 86th St. SPSA, JALC	7:10 PM
Teki'at Shofar & Havdalah, 88th St., 86th St. SPSA, JALC	7:27 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

Ana Bekhoah

Ana bekhoah gedulat yeminkha tatir tzerura
Kabel rinat amekha sagevenu taharenu nora

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קַבֵּל רִנַּת עַמְּךָ, שְׂגִיבֵנו טְהַרְנוּ נוֹרָא.

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