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NITZAVIM-VAYALEKH

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 - 32:52

HAFTARAH Hosea 14:2 - 14:10,

Micah 7:18 - 7:20

September 19-26, 2014

24 Elul, 5774-2 Tishrei, 5775

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Teen Kickoff Retreat (through Sept. 21)

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner

6:00 PM - 89th St. Reception and Middle Rooms

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

7:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary

Zayin Class Shabbat Dinner

8:30 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Childcare (Ages 2-6)

9:30 AM - 86th St. Parlor

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 AM - 86th St. Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah

Theodore Strauss

Speaker

Yossi Abramowitz (SEE P.2)

Junior Congregation

10:30 AM - 86th St. Social Hall

Children's Services

10:45 AM - 86th St. Chapel, Parlor and 2nd Floor

Community Kiddush

Following Services - 86th St. Social Hall

BJ Sings Havurah

1:00 PM - 86th St. Parlor

Havdalah and Selihot Teaching

9:00 PM - 88th St. (SEE SIDEBAR)

Coffee Break

10:30 PM

Selihot Service

11:00 PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

Young Families Rosh Hashanah Celebration

10:00 AM - 89th St. Reception Room (SEE P.3)

People's Climate March

9:30 AM - 58th St./8th & 9th Aves. (SEE SIDEBAR)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Selihot

7:15 AM - 89th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

Open the Gates:

7:00 PM - 89th St. (SEE P.2)

Prepare for the Yamim Nora'im

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Selihot

7:15 AM - 89th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

Creative Play Studio

10:15 and 11:15 AM - 89th St. (SEE P.2)

Afternoon Play Studio

3:30 PM - 89th St. (SEE P.2)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

BJ OFFICE CLOSES at 1:00PM

Selihot

7:15 AM - 89th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 89th St. Chapel

Services

SEE P.4

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Services

SEE P.4

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

Cancelled this week

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Services

SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH

SEE P.4

• **Enter Yamim Nora'im through the Gate of Selihot**

Saturday, September 20, Havdalah and teaching at 9:00PM followed by a coffee break at 10:30PM and the Selihot service at 11:00PM, 88th Street: Join us as we bid farewell to the last Shabbat of the year with Havdalah and enter into Yamim Nora'im through the gate of Selihot. Through study, song and conversation, we will explore the major themes of the Selihot prayers.

! **SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK**

• **People's Climate March**

Sunday, September 21, 11:00AM, 58th Street between 8th and 9th Avenues: March with BJ and people from across the country to demand concrete action on climate change. Let's begin the Shmita (sabbatical) year, when the Torah instructs us to nurture the life-giving capacities of the earth by sending a message to world leaders. Join us at www.bj.org/marchwithbj.

• **Daily Elul Reflections**

Embrace Elul and its message of personal growth with daily doses of inspiration from the BJ rabbis and Rabbinic Fellows, each based on a line from the piyut "The Gates" which is sung in the final moments of Yom Kippur. Sign up to receive the reflections by email at www.bj.org/elulreflections2014.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHM

To the following members and their families:

- Michael Bar and Gabriel Katz and their children Amelia and Zachary Bar-Katz on the death of Michael's father, Meyer Bar.
- Orli Moss, BJ Director of Israel Engagement, and Jonathan Cummings, their children, Nomi, Tomer and Ella-Poppy Cummings, on the death of Orli's grandfather, Isaac Gilinsk.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Theodore Julius Strauss, his parents Wendy Cromwell and Thomas Strauss, his sister Annabel Strauss, and his grandmother Judith Cromwell on Theodore becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

- Avital Mendelson and Asaff Harel on their engagement.

TODAH RABBAH

This week's Community Kiddush is supported by Wendy Cromwell and Thomas Strauss in honor of Theodore Strauss becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA'IM

- Scott Scheff and 11th Grade Class, Solomon Schechter School of Westchester, Hartsdale, NY.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Linking the Past to the Future

We invite members to consider making a special contribution in memory of a loved one to have their name inscribed on one of the black granite plaques in the BJ sanctuary. Names are inscribed during the winter and a beautiful dedication and memorial ceremony takes place in the early spring. Visit www.bj.org/memorial to learn more.

• "Who shall live and who shall die? Who by water and who by fire?"

Saturday, September 20, during Shabbat services, 86th Street: As we get ready for the People's Climate March, we will hear from Yossi Abramowitz about cutting-edge technology and initiatives in Israel. Entrepreneur,

environmentalist and human rights activist, Abramowitz was co-nominated three times for a Nobel Peace Prize for his work in the former Soviet Union.

• Yozma Fall Foliage Hike Along the Old Croton Aqueduct

Sunday, October 19, 10:00AM, Old Croton Aqueduct, NY: Join Yozma for a four-mile hike along the Old Croton Aqueduct. (The hike is mostly flat, with one sizeable uphill stretch.) We will lunch afterwards at The Prime in Hastings-on-the-Hudson. Buy a Metro North ticket for the 10:20AM Irvington train; meet at 10:00AM at the circular information booth. Contact Craig, crosenberg6@optonline.net, to R.S.V.P or with questions.

CREATING KEHILLAH

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• Creative Play Studio

Tuesdays through December 16, 10:15AM and 11:15AM, 89th Street: Join Linda White, Imagination Play Project founder and play curator, for a creative and artistic play space with your child. This open play space will encourage children to explore and experiment with natural materials and build on their creativity within a Jewish framework. Sign up for the fall semester or pay per session. A collaboration of BJ Young Families and the Imagination Play Project. For ages 0-3. Register at www.bj.org/events.

• After School Play Studio

Tuesdays through December 16, 3:30-5:30PM, 89th Street: Play and explore! Linda White, Imagination Play Project founder and play curator, creates an inviting space for kids to build with natural materials and

open their imaginations within a Jewish framework. Sign up for the fall semester or pay per session. A collaboration of BJ Young Families and the Imagination Play Project. For ages Pre-K to 3rd Grade. Register at systems.bj.org/form/afternoon-play-studio.

• Hebrew After-School Programs: Keshet (K-Third Grade) and KesheTOT (6 months-Pre-K)

Tuesdays, October 21-June 9, 4:00-5:00PM, 89th Street: Tuesdays, October 21-June 9, 4:00PM, 89th Street: Sing, play, and learn in Hebrew. Keshet is the Hebrew word for "rainbow" and is also a Hebrew acronym for Kehillat Safa V' Tarbut—Community of Language and Culture. In partnership with the Israeli American Council (IAC). For more information, contact Allison Kapusta, akapusta@bj.org or Orli Moss omoss@bj.org.

FALL HOLIDAYS 2014/5775

• Volunteer as a Yamim Nora'im Usher

We all know how wonderful it feels to be warmly greeted at High Holy Days services. By volunteering to usher where you attend services, you can be part of this important community connection. Sign up to perform this Yamim Nora'im mitzvah at www.bj.org/hhd-usher or email Monty Miller at mmiller@bj.org.

• Selihot at Daily Minyan

Monday, September 22-Friday, October 3 (excluding Rosh Hashanah, September 25-26 and Shabbat, September 27), 7:15AM all days except Sunday, September 28 at 9:15AM, 89th Street Chapel: The time leading up to the Yamim Nora'im is traditionally accompanied by reflection,

introspection, and special penitential prayers known as Selihot. The Selihot service will be followed immediately by the minyan at 7:30AM (9:30AM on September 28).

• Open the Gates: Prepare for the Yamim Nora'im

Monday, September 22, 7:00PM, 89th Street Reception Room: Join BJ Rabbinic Fellows Sarit Horwitz, Alex Braver and Bryan Wexler as we use text study, conversation and personal reflection to explore what makes the liturgy of the Yamim Nora'im distinct. Services for these days are meant to help us reach a deeper emotional and spiritual place. Please register at www.bj.org/events.



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• Young Families Rosh Hashanah Celebration

Sunday, September 21, 10:00-11:00AM, 89th Street Reception Room: Celebrate the Jewish New Year with BJ Young Families! Enjoy an interactive musical performance by Shira Kobren of Shira and Friends, followed by an art project and apples and honey. Open to families with children 5 and under. Free of charge; R.S.V.P. at www.bj.org.

• Selihot: Preparing the Soul for the Yamim Nora'im

Wednesday, October 1, 8:00-9:30PM, Park Slope Jewish Center, 1320 8th Ave, Brooklyn: Engage in a spiritual journey for personal understanding through the ancient tunes of the Middle East and the Maghreb (Northern Africa)—melodies that unite mankind across boundaries of faith and race. Join Rabbi Roly Matalon, Rabbi Haim Ovadia and musician Dan Nadel for this 4-part series at BJ and the Park Slope Jewish Center. Free of charge. R.S.V.P. to office@psjc.org.

• Giving to Relieve Hunger

As a community, BJ addresses hunger on the local and global levels by supporting the West Side Campaign Against Hunger and Mazon. Please bring a check for WSCAH to Kol Nidre services (a designated donation box will be available), and/or write a check to Mazon before breaking the fast and mail it in one of the envelopes available at each Yom Kippur service location.

• 2nd Annual Israeli Yom Kippur Services

Friday, October 3 and Saturday, October 4, 86th Street SPSA Chapel: Israelis living in the NYC area will feel at home at our special Israeli Yom Kippur services, which combine traditional liturgy with modern Israeli text. Contact Orli Moss, omoss@bj.org, for more information.

• Community Break Fast

Saturday, October 4, following Ne'ilah, 88th Street Frankel Hall: We are delighted to offer a community Yom Kippur break-fast. We'll welcome new members at a special, reserved table. Share your first uplifting BJ Yom Kippur experience with each other and long-time BJ members. Cost: \$15/child; \$25/member; \$35/non-member. Register by September 30 at www.bj.org/events.

• Sukkah Decorating Party

Monday, October 6, 3:30-5:30PM, 89th Street Sukkah: Make your mark on the BJ Sukkah! Children and families of all ages are welcome to join us for a fun-filled afternoon of creating decorations for the BJ Sukkah. We'll provide supplies, and feel free to bring your own to contribute as well.

• Sukkot Family Dinner

Thursday, October 9, 5:30PM, 89th Street Sukkah (rain location: 88th Street Frankel Hall): Families with elementary- and middle school-aged children are invited for a festive dinner in the BJ Sukkah. Join us for "pizza in the hut" before attending second night Sukkot services in the Sanctuary. \$18 per family. Register at www.bj.org/events and email kkersey@bj.org with questions or dietary concerns.

• Tze'irim Sukkah Party

Friday, October 10, 8:30PM, 89th Street Sukkah (rain location: 88th Street Frankel Hall): Bring a dairy/vegetarian potluck dish or a bottle of wine to share with other young Jewish professionals in their 20s and 30s. Meet us in the BJ Sukkah for kiddush after services, and then we'll have our potluck downstairs in the 89th Street Reception Room. Register at www.bj.org/sukkot by Tuesday, October 7.

• Teen Sukkah Sleepover

Friday, October 10, 8:00PM, 89th Street Sukkah: Enjoy a night under the stars! Start the evening at Kabbalat Shabbat services before heading up to the sukkah for games, snacks, and time spent with friends. Register at www.bj.org/events, and email Ayala at awasser@bj.org with questions.

• 4th and 5th Grade Sukkah Sleepover

Saturday, October 11, 8:00PM, 89th Street Sukkah: A night of games, songs, snacks, and fun ends with a special sleepover in the BJ Sukkah. Families are invited to join us in Havdalah before dropping off their children. Register at www.bj.org/events, and email Bryan at bwexler@bj.org with questions.

• Yozma Brunch in the BJ Sukkah

Sunday, October 12, 11:45AM-1:15PM, 89th Street Sukkah: Yozma is BJ's community of singles and couples of approximately ages 35-55. Get to know us on Sunday, October 12, over a delicious kosher Mediterranean brunch, followed by dessert and coffee at a nearby café. Brunch is \$15 per person; dessert and coffee are separate. Please register at www.bj.org/sukkot by Monday, October 6.

• Shelter Volunteer Celebration and Potluck

Sunday, October 12, 2:00-4:00PM, 89th Street Sukkah (rain location: 88th Street Sanctuary): Join us in the BJ Sukkah on the 6th floor for a chance to meet with the Social Action Coordinator and co-chairs from the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter. Now is a wonderful time to learn about volunteering and to meet the team who helps keep the shelter running year round. R.S.V.P. to Larissa at lwohl@bj.org or call x272.

• Israeli Wine Tasting Sponsored by Mekusharim

Sunday, October 12, 4:30PM, 89th Street Sukkah (rain location: 88th Street Sanctuary): Schmooze with old and new friends while enjoying wonderful Israeli wines and a little nosh. An expert from Skyview Wines, the city's largest seller of Israeli wines, will be on hand to discuss the selections. Sponsored by Mekusharim. Register at www.bj.org by October 5.

• Concert: Drawing Waters / Simhat Beit Hashoeva

Sunday, October 12, 6:30PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Celebrate the music of Sukkot, Simhat Torah and more. Oud player Zach Fredman, leader of the Epichorus and Rabbi of The New Shul, and guitarist Dan Nadel will present a special piyut-meets-flamenco project. Co-sponsored by the Leader Family Fund and the America Israel Cultural Foundation. Cost: \$10/adults, \$5/children. Please register at www.bj.org/events by October 8.

• New Member Potluck Dinner in the Sukkah

Tuesday, October 14, 6:30-8:00PM, 89th Street Sukkah: Celebrate the harvest festival with other new members in the BJ Sukkah. Bring a dairy/vegetarian potluck dish to share. To register, email Monty Miller at mmiller@bj.org by Tuesday, October 7.

• Tze'irim Simhat Torah Happy Hour

Thursday, October 16, 6:00-7:15PM, 86th Street Social Hall: Get into a celebratory mood with Tze'irim and join other young Jewish professionals before we walk together to 88th Street for BJ's inspiring Simhat Torah services. Bring friends and your favorite bottle of wine or dessert (dairy/vegetarian). Register at www.bj.org/simhattorah by Monday, October 13.

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 sliding scale dues system ensures no one will be turned away based on financial reasons. Contact the Membership Department at x224 for more information.

• **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.

• **"BJ Speak" Glossary:** Do you have questions about commonly used words and phrases at BJ? We have the answer: a BJ Speak Glossary. Visit the back of the 88th Street Sanctuary for a laminated sheet filled with definitions and explanations of everything you want to know. Brought to you by the Education and Communications Team.

JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN

The morning minyan is an opportunity to experience BJ tefillah in a more intimate setting and a wonderful way to get to know one another better. We'll have coffee waiting for you! Please help us make a minyan so our members can say kaddish for their loved ones in a supportive environment. Learn more and find the current schedule at www.bj.org/minyan. **Please join us to hear the shofar each morning during the month of Elul.**

Yamim Nora'im 5775

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SELIHOT

Saturday, September 20

88th Street:

Havdalah and Study.....	9:00 PM
Coffee Break.....	10:30 PM
Service.....	11:00 PM

ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, September 24

First Evening

Services, 86th St. SPSA, 88th St.....	6:30 PM
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Thursday, September 25

First Day

Services, 86th St. SPSA, 89th St. Community House, JALC.....	9:00 AM
Children's Services (Ages 0-6), 86th St. SPSA, 89th St. Community House, JALC.....	10:30 AM
Family Service (Ages 7-12), 88th St.....	10:30 AM
Text Study—Water: Symbol and Transformation, 88th St.....	4:30 PM
Tashlikh, Riverside Park.....	5:30 PM

Thursday, September 25

Second Evening

Service, 88th St.....	7:00 PM
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Friday, September 26

Second Day

Services, 86th St. SPSA, 88th St.....	9:00 AM
Children's Services (Ages 0-6), 89th St. Community House.....	10:30 AM
Junior Congregation (Ages 7-12), 89th St. Community House....	10:30 AM

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, September 26

Kabbalat Shabbat, 88th St.....	7:00 PM
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Saturday, September 27

Services, 86th St. SPSA.....	9:30 AM
Childcare (Ages 2-6), 86th St. SPSA Parlor.....	9:30 AM
Bim Bam Shabbat (Ages 0-3), 86th St. SPSA Parlor.....	10:45 AM
Mini-Minyan (Ages 3-5), 86th St. SPSA Chapel.....	10:45 AM
Minyan Bet Tefillah (Grades K-2), 86th St. 2nd Floor Nursery Room.....	10:45 AM
Shabbat Discovery (Ages 0-6), 86th St. SPSA Chapel.....	12:00 PM

YOM KIPPUR

Friday, October 3

Kol Nidre

Services, 86th St. SPSA, 89th St. Community House, JALC.....	6:00 PM
Family Service (Ages 7-12), 88th St.....	6:00 PM
Israeli Yom Kippur Services, 86th St. SPSA.....	6:00 PM

Saturday, October 4

Services, 86th St. SPSA, 89th St. Community House, JALC.....	9:00 AM
Children's Services (Ages 0-6), 86th St. SPSA, 89th St. Community House, JALC.....	10:30 AM
Family Service (Ages 7-12), 88th St.....	10:30 AM
Yom Kippur Meditation, 88th St.....	2:30 PM
Minha & Ne'ilah Services, 86th St. SPSA, 89th St. Community House, JALC.....	4:30 PM
Israeli Yom Kippur Services, 86th St. SPSA.....	6:00 PM
Children's processions, 86th St. SPSA, 89th St. Community House, JALC.....	7:00 PM
Teki'at Shofar & Havdalah, 86th St. SPSA, 89th St. Community House, JALC.....	7:15 PM

- **86th Street SPSA** services are at the Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew, 86th Street and West End Avenue.
- **88th Street Sanctuary** services are at the B'nai Jeshurun Synagogue, 257 West 88th Street between Broadway and West End Avenue.
- **89th Street Community House** services are at 270 West 89th Street between Broadway and West End Avenue.
- **Jazz at Lincoln Center (JALC)** services are at Frederick P. Rose Hall, Broadway at 60th Street.

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