**KOL JESHURUN**

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**September 28–October 5, 2012**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

- **Kabbalat Shabbat Service**
  - 7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

- **Shabbat Morning Services**
  - 9:30 AM – 86th St. Sanctuary
- **Children’s Services**
  - 10:45 AM – 86th St. Chapel and Parlor
- **Community Kiddush**
  - Following Services – 86th St. Social Hall

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

- **SUKKOT—FIRST EVENING**
  - **Morning Minyan**
    - 9:30 AM – 88th St.
- **Sukkah Decorating Party**
  - 10:30 AM – 86th St. Sukkah [SEE P.2]
- **Mitzvah Map 5th Grade Family Kick-Off**
  - 5:15 PM – 88th St. and 86th St. Sukkah

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 1**

- **SUUKOT—FIRST DAY**
  - **BJ OFFICE CLOSED**
- **Services**
  - SEE P.4
- **BJ Hebrew School**
  - Closed today

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2**

- **SUUKOT—SECOND DAY**
  - **BJ OFFICE CLOSED**
- **Services**
  - SEE P.4

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3**

- **HOL HAMO’ED SUKKOT**
  - **Morning Minyan**
    - 7:30 AM – 88th St.
- **Mekusharim Lunch & Learn in the Sukkah**
  - 12:00 PM – 86th St. Sukkah [SEE P.2]
- **New Member Potluck Dinner in the Sukkah**
  - 6:30 PM – 86th St. Sukkah [SEE P.2]
- **35-55s Sukkah Party Under the Stars**
  - 8:30 PM – 86th St. Sukkah [SEE P.2]

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4**

- **HOL HAMO’ED SUKKOT**
  - **Morning Minyan**
    - 7:30 AM – 88th St.
- **Judith Bernstein Lunch Program**
  - 12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
- **BJ Hebrew School**
  - 4:00-6:00 PM
- **Tze’irim Evening Under the Stars**
  - 8:00 PM – 86th St. Sukkah [SEE P.3]

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5**

- **HOL HAMO’ED SUKKOT**
  - **Morning Minyan**
    - 7:30 AM – 88th St.
  - **Bim Bam**
    - 9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

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**Lulav and Etrog Sets**

Our celebrations of Sukkot are enhanced by the many adults and children who participate in the processions around the sanctuary holding the four species.

Consider ordering a lulav and etrog set imported from Israel, complete with branches of myrtle and willows. Sets can be purchased at the following locations:

**West Side Judaica**
- 2412 Broadway (between 88th & 89th Sts.)
- 212-362-7846

**By Special Arrangement**
- 575 Amsterdam Ave. (between 87th & 88th Sts.)
- 212-721-1311

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**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 the following members and their families:

- Steven Cohen, Kirk Iwanowski and Lily Cohen on the death of Steven’s father, Richard Cohen.
- Arlene, Alan, and David Baily on the death of Arlene’s mother, Jean Friedman Michaelson.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Mekusharim Lunch and Learn in the Sukkah
  Wednesday, October 3, 12:00PM, 86th Street Sukkah: Join BJ Rabbinic Fellow Adam Roffman for study and socializing in the Sukkah. Please bring your own dairy/vegetarian lunch. Registration encouraged at www.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 yet to be named 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.

Sukkah at 86th St. Open to the Community:

Tuesday, October 2 ........................................................................................................ 4:00-9:00PM
Wednesday, October 3 ................................................................................................... 3:00-5:00PM
Thursday, October 4 ...................................................................................................... 12:00-2:00PM
Friday, October 5 ........................................................................................................... 12:00-2:00PM
Saturday, October 6 ..................................................................................................... 4:00-9:00PM
Sunday, October 7 ........................................................................................................ 12:00-2:00PM

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SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

- Mitzvah In Your Sleep: Become a Shelter Sleepover Volunteer
  Sunday-Thursday, 9:00PM–7:00AM, 88th Street Frankel Hall or 86th Street Social Hall: Homelessness is on the rise in NYC and now, more than ever, we need to be supporting those in our community who do not have a safe place to sleep. As we enter the High Holy Days, what better way to start anew than by volunteering our time. This is a great opportunity to fulfill the mitzvah of providing hospitality with dignity, all while sleeping through the night. To volunteer or learn more, please contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org or call x272.

- Join BJ in Volunteering with Habitat for Humanity
  Sunday, October 28, 9:15AM-4:30PM, 830 Jefferson Avenue, Brooklyn: We have been invited to join Habitat for Humanity in rehabbing eight green, affordable condominiums for families in a four-story walk up building. This project is part of Habitat-NYC’s 100 Homes in Brooklyn initiative to improve an iconic neighborhood through both new construction and rehabilitation of affordable homes. It is the perfect opportunity to bring a friend and get your hands dirty for a great cause. For more information or to sign up, contact Larissa at lwohl@bj.org or call x272.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

- Sukkah Decorating Party
  Sunday, September 30, 10:30AM-12:00PM, BJ Sukkah at 86th Street [rain location: 88th Street Frankel Hall]: 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 morning of drawing, cutting, and hanging original decorations that they make. Plan to stay after decorating to read the book, **Talia and the Rude Vegetables**.

TODAH RABBHAH
To the following members and their families:

- Steven, Lynette, and Caroline Koppel on the engagement of their daughter and sister, Sarah, to Josh Smith.

MAZAL TOV

- This week’s Community Kiddush is sponsored by Regina Zimmerman-Mosesson and the Young Families community in honor of the one year anniversary of the death of Neil Mosesson.

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• **Talia and the Rude Vegetables Reading and Meet the Author**  
  **Sunday, September 30**, 12:00-1:00PM, BJ Sukkah at 86th Street (rain location: 88th Street Frankel Hall): When Talia mis-hears her grandmother’s request for “root” vegetables, she goes to the garden in search of “rude” vegetables. As she searches for “what Grandma wants,” she finds Ornery Onions, crooked Carrots, and garish Garlicks, among others, andonders what makes a vegetable rude. Join author and BJ member, Linda Elovitz Marshall, as we read and giggle over all the word play and the general silliness of vegetables that are rude. This book is perfect for the fall holidays, and also teaches kids about mitzvot. Books will be available for sale after the reading, and Linda will happily personalize them for any child.

• **October Tot Shabbat and Dinner**  
  **Friday, October 5**, 5:15PM, 88th Street: Families will enjoy a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service filled with singing and dancing. Services begin at 5:15PM in the main sanctuary, followed by a dinner at 5:45PM downstairs 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, teen volunteers will engage children in games and more songs! Register online at www.bj.org by Wednesday, October 3, and finishing their meal, teen volunteers will engage children in games and more songs! Register online at www.bj.org by Wednesday, October 3, and contact Kristen Kersey at kkersey@bj.org with any questions or specific dietary requests.

• **Bim Bam’s Sukkah Breakfast**  
  **Sunday, October 7**, 10:00-10:45AM, BJ Sukkah at 86th Street: Children aged three and under and their families are invited to the BJ Sukkah to Sunday, October 7, 10:00-10:45AM, BJ Sukkah at 86th Street: Children aged three and under and their families are invited to the BJ Sukkah to enjoy a breakfast in the Sukkah, complete with Shabbat blessings and songs. Breakfast 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, teen volunteers will engage children in games and more songs! Register online at www.bj.org by Wednesday, October 3, and contact Kristen Kersey at kkersey@bj.org with any questions or specific dietary requests.

• **Evening Under the Stars: Tze’irim’s Annual Sukkot Event**  
  **Thursday, October 4**, 8:00PM, 86th Street Sukkah: What is Sukkot without “An Evening Under the Stars”? Join Tze’irim for our annual Sukkah party. The event is free, just bring your favorite bottle of wine or dessert to share and meet other young Jewish professionals in their 20s and 30s. In the case of rain, this event will be held in the Social Hall at 86th Street and West End Avenue. Register by Wednesday, October 3 at www.bj.org/tzeirim.

**EVENTS OF INTEREST**

- **REPAIR: Tikvun 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 Tikvun 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.

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.

- **Service of the Heart: A Study of Maimonides’ Laws of Prayer**  
  Rabbi J. Rolando Matajon  
  **Part I, 3 Tuesdays** (October 16, 23, 30)  
  6:30-8:00PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: We will examine the Rambam’s approach to prayer in his legal code Mishneh Torah—The Book Of Love (Sefer Ahavah) and his invaluable teachings about the development of Jewish prayer, including: prayer as fulfillment of the commandments to serve God and to love God; the role of kavanah; what is the place of contemplation; how can we reconcile spontaneous prayer and mandatory prayer; can we petition God; can prayer shape our character and influence our actions? Free of charge; registration required at www.bj.org.

- **Stories of the Talmudic Rabbis**  
  Rabbi J. Rolando Matajon  
  **Part I, 3 Thursdays** (October 18, 25, November 1)  
  12:30-1:30PM Lunch and Learn (please bring your own lunch), Midtown location provided upon registration: We will study 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. Free of charge; registration required at www.bj.org.

- **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 charity. 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.

- **Davening 101**  
  Jonah Geffen, BJ Rabbinic Fellow  
  **Thursdays** (October 18-May 30), 7:00-8:30PM, BJ Office, Conference Room: The siddur is the guidebook of tefillah, and though central to our practice of prayer, the siddur is all too often difficult or impossible to access. Its structure is a mystery, its words foreign, its relevance to our own experience unclear. And yet, it is entirely knowable. Together we will explore the deep meaning of the words of our people’s prayers, gain greater understanding of the structure of services, and learn the techniques and choreography of tefillah. Registration encouraged at www.bj.org.
SUKKOT
First Evening Service
Sunday, September 30
88th Street Sanctuary .......................................................... 6:30 PM
Kiddush, 86th Street Sukkah .............................................. Following service

First Day Service
Monday, October 1
88th Street Sanctuary ........................................................... 9:30 AM
Children’s Services:
88th Street Frankel Hall ..................................................... 10:45 AM
Kiddush, 86th Street Sukkah .............................................. Following service

Second Evening Service
88th Street Sanctuary ............................................................ 6:30 PM
Kiddush, 86th Street Sukkah .............................................. Following service

Second Day Service
Tuesday, October 2
88th Street Sanctuary .......................................................... 9:30 AM
Children’s Services:
88th Street Frankel Hall ..................................................... 10:45 AM
Kiddush, 86th Street Sukkah .............................................. Following service

Hoshanah Rabbah
Sunday, October 7
88th Street Sanctuary ............................................................ 9:00 AM
Community Brunch, 88th Street Frankel Hall ........ Following service

SHEMINI ATZERET
Shemini Atzeret Evening Service
Sunday, October 7
88th Street Sanctuary ............................................................ 6:30 PM

Monday, October 8
Morning Service (Yizkor)
88th Street Sanctuary ............................................................ 9:30 AM
Children’s Services:
88th Street Frankel Hall ..................................................... 10:45 AM

SIMHAT TORAH
Monday, October 8
Family Evening Service:
88th Street Frankel Hall ..................................................... 6:00 PM
Adult Evening Service:
88th Street Sanctuary .......................................................... 7:00 PM

Morning Service
Tuesday, October 9
88th Street Sanctuary ............................................................ 9:30 AM
Community Lunch, 88th Street Frankel Hall ........ Following service

YASHER KOAH
Yasher Koah: A column running at the end of each month highlighting a BJ member’s recent achievement.

Yasher Koah Judith Plaskow! Three years ago Judith Plaskow, a leading feminist theologian, was the guest of Sheila Weinberg, the mother of former Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow Ezra Weinberg, at Yom Kippur services. She immediately felt at home, finding a spiritual community that talked to her with prayer and song, incorporated the female voice, and stirred her intellect. Judith quickly became a BJ member and we are proud to have her as part of our community. Her seminal book, Standing Again at Sinai: Judaism from a Feminist Perspective, was the first full-length feminist critique of Judaism as a patriarchal tradition and explored the growing involvement of women in shaping Jewish tradition. Newly retired from her Professorship of Religious Studies at Manhattan College, Judith has written and spoken extensively on the marginalization of women in Jewish texts, history, and practice, and on how our written tradition can be redefined to recognize and acknowledge women’s experiences. She continues to write on God, feminism and theology. Her present work is a book on God and feminism that is being co-authored with Carol P. Christ. We look forward to learning with Judith and gaining new insight and knowledge about the evolution of the female role in modern Judaism.

If you know a BJ member who deserves a yasher koah, email Sue Daniels at bd4fan@gmail.com.

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.

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