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Parashat Tzav

**PARASHAT SHEMINI
SHABBAT HAḤODESH
MEVARKHIM HAḤODESH**

TORAH
Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47

TRIENNIAL
Leviticus 10:12 - 11:32

MAFTIR
Exodus 12:1 - 20

HAFTARAH
Ezekiel 45:16 - 46:18

Next week: Parashat Tazri'a

TORAH
Leviticus 12:1 - 13:59

TRIENNIAL
Leviticus 13:29 - 13:59

HAFTARAH



Social Justice Opportunity Of The Week!

Jews On Bikes: (Re-)Cycling & Jewish Tradition *Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 PM*, at 86th Street: Nigel Savage, Founder of Hazon and the NY Jewish Environmental Bike Ride, will teach a remarkable Talmudic text, discuss Hazon's Jewish Environmental Bike Rides and answer questions about Jews, bikes and ecological awareness from a Jewish perspective. We welcome BJ members and friends interested in joining the BJ team this summer on the 2003 NY Jewish Environmental Bike Ride. For info contact Michael Ekstract, x310.

March 28 - April 4, 2003

24 Adar II - 2 Nisan, 5763

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 PM – 88th St.
Meet and Greet for Non-Members	7:00 PM – after services
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:45 PM – 86th St.
Meet and Greet for Non-Members	8:15 PM – after services

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Shabbat Services	9:30 AM – 86th St.
Children's Services	10:45 AM – 86th St.
Talking To Children About the War	12:00 PM – 86th St. Parlor
Mevarkhim HaḤodesh Lunch & Study, <i>Shoshana Jedwab</i>	12:30 PM – 88th St.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88th St.
Jewish Tales of Holy Women, <i>Yitzhak Buxbaum</i>	11:00 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Gesher Teen Program	5:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Memorial Service for Dr. Eugene Weiner	7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

MONDAY, MARCH 31

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Introduction to Judaism	7:00 PM – 86th St. Chapel

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Talmud Introduction	8:15 AM – 88th St.
Mikvah: <i>Mayyim Ḥayyim, Rabbi Sol</i>	7:00 PM – 86th St. Parlor
Hebrew Classes:	
<i>Intermediate</i>	6:30 PM – 86th St.
<i>Advanced</i>	8:00 PM – 86th St.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Kesharim	2:00 PM – 88th, Frankel Hall
<i>Ḥassidic Teachings About Shabbat, Rabbi Matalon</i>	6:30 PM – 88th St., Frankel Hall
Environmental Learning: <i>Jews on Bikes (Re-)Cycling</i>	7:00 PM – 86th St. Chapel

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program	12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Rosh Ḥodesh Women's Group	6:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
Parashat HaShavu'a	7:00 PM – 86th St. Chapel
Hebrew Class:	
<i>Advanced Beginner</i>	8:00 PM – 86th St.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAHM

The Community of B'nai Jeshurun extends its sincere condolences to
•Nancy and Michael Mostow on the death of Nancy's beloved father,
William Beal.

Mazal Tov To The Following Members And Their Families:

- Jessica Levin and Jack Chorowsky on their recent engagement.
- Eleanor Radzivilover on her 56th birthday.

B'ruchim Haba'im To:

- Rabbi Steven Leapman and Confirmation Class, Temple Beth-El, South Bend, Indiana.
- Rabbis Julian Cook, Steven Foster, Bruce Greenbaum and Confirmation Class, Congregation Emanuel, Denver, Colorado.
- Rabbi Steven Garten, Sarah Kligman and Confirmation students, Temple Israel, Ottawa, Canada.
- Miriam Halachmi, Religious School Director, Dr. Steve Hecklin and 11th graders, West End Synagogue, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Rabbi Jack Romberg and Confirmation Class, Temple Israel of Tallahassee, Florida.

Meet and Greet for Non-Members

Friday, March 28, 7:15 at 88th Street, 8:15 at 86th Street: Are you interested in learning more about membership at BJ? Have you considered joining but just haven't done it yet? Come to a Meet and Greet with representatives from our Membership Committee after the 6:00 PM or 6:45 PM service to learn more about the important mitzvah of becoming a BJ member.

Pesah Seder Se'udah Match: Be A Hakhnasat Orhim Host

Wednesday, April 16 is the First Seder. Consider including at your Seder table BJ members who need a place to celebrate the holiday. Forms for Hosts and Guests can be found in the rear of the sanctuary. For info or to take part in this mitzvah, please contact Amy Wachtel and Toby Baldinger at x351 or at Hospitality@bj.org.

LIMUD/LEARNING

CLASSES

To register, visit www.bj.org or call x221.

Hassidic Teachings About Shabbat

Four Wednesdays, starting March 19, 6:30 PM, at 88th Street Frankel Hall: This class will explore Hassidic approaches to the meaning and observance of Shabbat. We will study texts by Rabbi Zvi Elimelech of Dinov – the Bnei Yissaskhar – and Rabbi Yehudah Aryeh Leib Alter of Ger – the Sefat Emet. Taught by Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon. Cost: free; registration required. Code: 307.

Mikvah: Mayyim Hayyim (Living Waters)

Three Tuesdays, starting March 25, 7:00 PM, at 86th Street Parlor: A three-part study session on the traditional requirements of mikvah is being renewed and re-imagined in our time. Taught by Rabbi Felicia Sol; second session taught by Aliza Kline, Executive Director of *Mayyim Hayyim: Living Waters Community Mikveh & Education Center*. Cost: free; registration required. Code 333.

Don't Miss: "Jews Of The Amazon Discovered"

Wednesday, April 30, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street Sanctuary: Join Rabbi Guillermo Bronstein for a fascinating view into the surprising world of Amazonian Jews, from the era of rubber fever in the 19th Century to their striving to find their way to Judaism and Israel today. Sponsored by the BJ Latin America Committee. Cost: free. For info, call x371 or email BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com. Registration suggested. Code 344.

APRIL SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th Street
Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th Street

Family & ASL Interpreted Service 6:00 PM – 88th Street
Friday, April 4

Wandering Minyan
Friday, April 4 6:00 PM – Frankel Hall

Tot Shabbat 5:45 PM – 86th Street
Friday, April 14

Saturday Shabbat Service 9:30 AM – 86th Street

Todah Rabbah to

Kim Shafer and Isaac Finkle, Andrea Newman, Elliot Davis and Jay and Laura Kramer, who, in addition to those mentioned last week, sponsored Purim packages for the BJ Congregation.

Memorial Service for Eugene Weiner

Sunday, March 30th, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street Sanctuary: A Memorial Service will be held for our beloved member, Dr. Eugene Weiner. Gene's family will be joining us from Israel.

The Music of Pesah at BJ: BJ Pesah CD and Songbook

Just in time for Pesah, we've produced beautiful music to share with family and friends at your Seder table. Cost: \$36 for the CD and Songbook, or \$18 for each on its own plus \$5.00 shipping. Send a check to B'nai Jeshurun, 100A West 89th St., NYC 10024; or order online at www.bj.org.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

•Film: "The Empty ATM"

Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 PM, at Columbia/Barnard Hillel, The Robert F. Kraft Family Center for Jewish Student Life, 606 West 115th Street, Room 602: Join the BJ Latin America Committee and the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society Young Leaders for a showing of "The Empty ATM," a documentary exploring the current economic crisis in Argentina. A discussion will follow and refreshments will be served. Cost: free. For info, contact Amy Greenstein at (212) 613-1364 or amy.greenstein@hias.org.

•Pre-Pesah Family Sing-Along

Sunday, April 6, 10:00 AM, at 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join Shira Kline, songleader par excellence, for a sneak preview of the songs of Pesah. This program is sponsored by the Miriam L. Siroky Fund for Family Education. For info to RSVP, contact Hollis Gauss, x244 or hgauss@bj.org.

Interfaith Pre-Pesah Seder

Thursday, April 10, 8:00 PM, 88th Street: The Interfaith Committee invites all BJ'ers to host our friends from SPSA and the Muslim community at a pre-Pesah Seder. Roly and Ari will be leading and we will use a Haggadah that reflects our diverse backgrounds and concerns. Ceremonial foods will be served, as well as desserts made from recipes in "Glimpses of Passover." **Volunteers are needed** to join an interfaith group of cooks and bakers on the afternoon of April 10. To volunteer, email Toni Siegel at tsiegel@collegiateschool.org. To attend, call (212) 787-8600, x314. Leave your name and phone number AND send a check for \$10 for each person attending to the BJ office, marked "Interfaith Seder."

•Programs With Hamidrasha**•BJ Hebrew School: "Journey Through Israel"**

Monday, April 7, 5:00 PM, at 88th Street: This program will explore the complex dilemmas Israel is facing at this critical time. **This program is open only to BJ Hebrew School parents.** To RSVP, contact Dalya Hertzberg, x241 or dhertzberg@bj.org.

•Projects in Israel

Monday, April 7, 7:30 PM, at 88th Street: Join us to discover the exciting projects going on in Israel today despite the current crisis. Cost: free; all are welcome

•Launching A Men's Havurah

Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 PM, at Sonny Greenwald's, 574 West End Avenue (88th), #24 (elevator at rear of lobby to 2nd floor): We will create the possibility of **friendship, spirituality and fun**. This will be a group of extraordinary men—married, single, gay or straight. BJ does not have a men's group, so let's do it! We will probably meet monthly at one of our homes; that depends on us. Celebrating Shabbat at home will also be part of our spiritual connection. For info or to RSVP, contact Sonny at (212) 769-0350 or Sonnyfit@aol.com.

•Renee Kaufman Memorial Program

Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 PM, 88th Street: Screening of "Korczak." This feature-length Polish film is a powerful drama about the Polish Jewish educator, Janusz Korczak, whose progressive orphanage was relocated into the Warsaw Ghetto during World War II. Korczak's primary concern was to keep his children physically, mentally and spiritually alive. The film will be presented and followed by a lecture by renowned film critic, author and professor of film, Annette Insdorf. Cost: free.

•2003/5763 Passover Rabbinic Dialogue: We All Went Out of Egypt!

Thursday, April 10, 7:00 PM, at the JCC, 334 Amsterdam Avenue at 76th Street: The Haggadah instructs us to see ourselves as if we actually went out of Egypt. Join us as we make this leap of imagination with the help of **Rabbi Felicia Sol**, and Rabbis Gary Bretton-Granatoor and Allen Schwartz. To register, call (646) 505-5708. Cost: free.

•Israel Task Force Community Forum

Monday, April 14, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: Please join us as we discuss the recommendations of the Israel Task Force for strengthening BJ's connections to Israel.

•Mindfulness Meditation And The Counting Of The Omer

Seven Mondays starting April 21, 7:30 PM, at the JCC (76th Street & Amsterdam Avenue): Take a journey of personal transformation during the counting of the Omer. Join Bernice Todres, meditation teacher on the Makom Faculty at the JCC. Each session will focus on a specific attribute: chesed, gevurah, tiferet, netzach, etc. For info, call (646) 505-5708 or (212) 802-9360.

•Save the Date! First-Ever Israel Fair at B'nai Jeshurun

Saturday, May 3, 9:00 PM and **Sunday, May 4**, 10:00 AM, at Abraham Joshua Heschel School, 279 West 89th Street: Join us as we celebrate Israel for Yom Ha'Azmaut with the first BJ Israel Fair. The Fair will feature Israeli artists, products and food, and will debut as a sneak preview and benefit reception on Saturday night from 9:00 PM to midnight. All proceeds will benefit Israel. Watch Kol Jeshurun and the BJ website for more details.

•Yom Ha'Atzmaut

Tuesday, May 6, at 88th Street Sanctuary: Celebrate "The Many Faces of Israel." Services begin at 6:45 PM and will be followed by our program featuring the culture of Ethiopian Jews and Bedouins, as well as a multi-cultural Israeli dance celebration.

SINGLES**•Noche de Tango!**

Sunday, March 30, 7:00 PM, at Ansche Chesed (251 W. 100th St.): Learn the tango with a live tango orchestra, exhibition and lesson from an expert, courtesy of Reba Perez and Eric Hollman. No experience is needed. Refreshments will be served. Cost: \$15 AC/BJ/MOMC members/\$20 non-members. No reservations are required. Volunteers will receive free admission. For info or to volunteer, contact Michael at (212) 678-7881 (before 9:00 PM, please). This event is co-sponsored by Ansche Chesed and BJ.

•Oneg Shabbat

Friday, April 4, 6:45 PM, 86th Street Social Hall: Spring is in the air and so is the opportunity to make new friends or meet that special someone at our monthly gathering. Refreshments will be served. For info, contact Michael Kelberg, x260 or mkelberg@bj.org.

•Catered Pre-Pesah Shabbat Dinner

Friday, April 11, 7:30 PM, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Passover is coming and it's all Matzah from there, so join us for a delicious catered Pre-Pesah Shabbat dinner. For info or to register, call x306 and leave your name and phone number AND send a check to the BJ office marked "4/11." Or register online at www.bj.org. Cost: \$25 members/\$35/non-members. The registration deadline is April 4.

•It's Mitzvah Season! Join the BJ Dorot Pesah Package Delivery Team

Sunday, April 13, 11:00 AM, at Dorot, 171 W. 85th St.: Join other BJ members for our third annual Pesah package delivery campaign with Dorot. We will meet at Dorot for a brief orientation and then pair off to make our deliveries to homebound elderly living on the Upper West Side. Spend quality time with someone who will greatly appreciate the visit and the chance to connect. Please RSVP by April 8, x306, and leave your name and phone number. This will confirm your participation. We look forward to seeing you.

Beyond Volunteerism: Create Economic Opportunity

Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 PM at the JCC (76th Street & Amsterdam): Join **Rabbi Rolando Matalon** as he moderates a panel discussion on how to create economic opportunity in New York City, the U.S. and the world. Learn about economic justice issues and how to promote change. Cost: \$5; to register, call the JCC at (646) 505-5708.

AIDSWALK NY 2003: Walkers And Fundraisers Needed!

Sunday, May 18: Sunday, May 18: It's seven weeks and counting to the AIDS Walk 2003! Be a part of this yearly effort that has come to be a BJ Spring tradition. Walkers and fundraisers can register online with GMHC at www.aidswalk.net/newyork. Please remember to sign up as a member of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun/Tehillah, team # 1017. If you would like us to register for you, contact Elliot Davis & Sharon Lachow, x360 or BJAWNY@bj.org.

Blood Donations Needed: Pikuah Nefesh (Saving a Life)

Hugo Frank, the grandson of a BJ member, needs blood donations to fight leukemia. You must be 17-75 and in good health. Please call Marion Novack at (212) 639-8177 for complete details.

American Jewish World Service: Funds for Humanitarian Aid To Iraq

The AJWS is collecting funds to assist in humanitarian relief efforts for civilians affected by the armed conflict in Iraq. AJWS will be partnering with other international relief organizations in a non-profit effort to provide this emergency relief. Please mail contributions to AJWS, 45 West 36th St., New York, NY 10018; online at www.AJWS.org; or by phone with credit card at (800) 889-7146.

Volunteers Needed: Support Israel! Help With The BJ Israel Fair

The Israel Fair Committee desperately needs volunteers to help with solicitations. We will canvas the New York area for donations of food and soliciting businesses to place advertisements in a catalog to be given out at the time of the Fair. You can also choose to canvass your own neighborhood or ask your work/personal contacts to help out. To participate, contact Carol Dikman, x255 or cdikman@bj.org.

Contributions In Memory of Dr. Carlos Aisen

Tax deductible contributions in memory of Dr. Carlos Aisen may be made out to the *Carlos Aisen Scholarship Fund*, which provides scholarships to the Summer Camp of Comunidad Amijai of Buenos Aires. Mail your check to Susan Zemsky, Kehila Chadasha, 1622 Martha Terrace, Rockville, MD, 20852.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Membership at B'nai Jeshurun

Are you considering joining BJ? Would you like information about becoming a member? Call Hillary Oberstein, Director of Membership, at x224 or email Hillary at hoberstein@bj.org.

Large Print Texts

Large print siddurim are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please ask an usher for assistance if you would like one.

A Note from the Ushers

For those attending the Friday night service at 88th St., please return your siddurim to the back of the sanctuary as you leave. Place damaged books or tallitot in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary. We also ask that men wear kippot during services.

So that we may make preparations for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes prior to the beginning of services.

We attempt to be as accurate as possible concerning the information contained in the Kol Jeshurun. Due to the tight deadlines under which we work, errors can sometimes occur. We apologize in advance for any mistakes. If you need any Hebrew words translated, please call Rabbi Rachel Gartner at x253.

D'var Tefillah: Shema

In the Shema we proclaim the unity of God, and then commit ourselves to love God and pursue God with all our hearts, souls, and might. Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan taught: The doctrine of the unity of God calls for integration of all life's purposes into a consistent pattern of thought and conduct. The Talmud (Yoma 86a) teaches: Abbaye said, "Let the love of God be spread through your activities."

This Week In Israel's History

In our last installment, we explained how at the end of the First World War, Dr. Chaim Weizmann presented the Zionist case for a Jewish national home to the participants of the Paris Peace Conference. But how did he become our representative?

Chaim Weizmann was born in Russia in 1874. He received his education in biochemistry in Switzerland and Germany and in 1905 moved to England. During the war, he invented TNT, which brought him to the attention of Lloyd George, the Minister of Munitions, and his close ally, ex-Prime Minister Arthur James Balfour. Weizmann repeatedly used these connections to spread his message of the need for a homeland in Palestine for the Jewish people. In 1916, just before Britain conquered Palestine, there was a change of in the British government; Balfour became the Foreign Secretary and Lloyd George the Prime Minister. Weizmann pushed for and helped draft the Balfour Declaration, which became government policy. This document stated "His Majesty's government views with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this objective." At the end of the Second World War, Weizmann was instrumental in the adoption of the United Nations' partition plan. With the declaration of the State of Israel, Weizmann was chosen to serve as the first president of the newly created state.

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