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**Parashat Tazri'a**

**PARASHAT METZORA  
 SHABBAT HAGADOL**

**TORAH**  
 Leviticus 14:1 - 15:35

**TRIENNIAL**  
 Leviticus 14:1 - 14:32

**HAFTARAH**  
 Malakhi 3:4 - 24

**NEXT WEEK:  
 SHABBAT HOL HAMO'ED PESAH**

**TORAH**  
 Exodus 33:12 - 34:26

**MAFTIR**  
 Numbers 28:19 - 25

**HAFTARAH**  
 Ezekiel 37:1 - 14

**Social Justice Opportunity Of The Week!**

**\$66 Will Feed An Ethiopian Jewish Child For A Year**

Reliving the Exodus we say, "Let all who are hungry, come and eat." A special subset of the hungry - 20,000 Jews - languishes in famine-ridden Ethiopia, waiting for "next year in Jerusalem." Some children faint in class; they are always hungry, just a few meals away from starvation.

This Pesah, please remember our family in Ethiopia. \$66 will buy one nutritious meal a day (often a child's only meal) for one year. \$660 will feed 10 children, \$6,600 will feed 100. Even with our help, these children are always hungry. Without our help, they will starve. Please call (212) 233-5300 or email NACOEJ@aol.com to make your contribution, or pick up a flyer with our ushers at the back of the Sanctuary.

**April 11 - April 18, 2003**

**2 Nisan - 9 Nisan, 5763**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 11**

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th St.  
 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th St.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12**

Shabbat Services 9:30 AM – 86th St.  
 Children's Services 10:45 AM – 86th St.  
 Bar Mitzvah Alexander Owen  
 Bat Mitzvah Michaela Kupfer  
 Community Kiddush 12:30 PM – 86th St. Social Hall  
 New and Expecting Parents Group 12:30 PM – 86th St. Parlor Room

**SUNDAY, APRIL 13**

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.  
 Gesher Teen Program 5:00 PM – Frankel Hall

**MONDAY, APRIL 14**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 Israel Task Force Community Forum 7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary  
 Introduction to Judaism 7:00 PM – 86th St. Chapel

**TUESDAY, APRIL 15**

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 Talmud Introduction 8:15 AM – 88th St.  
 Families Cook For The Shelter 5:00 PM – 88th St.  
 Musician's Havurah 7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16**

Erev Pesah - First Seder  
 First Night Pesah Service 6:30 PM – 88th St.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 17 (Office Closed)**

First Day Pesah Service (no Children's Service) 9:30 PM – 88th St.  
 Children's Holiday Service 10:45 PM – 88th St.  
 Second Night Pesah Service 7:30 PM – 88th Street

**FRIDAY, APRIL 18 (Office Closed)**

Second Day Pesah Service 9:30 AM – 88th St.  
 Children's Holiday Service 10:45 AM – 88th St.  
 Tot Shabbat 5:45 PM – 86th St.  
 Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Pesah Service 6:00 PM – 88th St.  
 Shabbat Hol Hamo'ed Pesah Service 6:45 PM – 86th St.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAMAKOM YENAHM

The Community of B'nai Jeshurun extends its sincere condolences to

- Joan, Barry, Max and Sara Winograd on the death of Joan's beloved mother, Helen Lillian Feinstein.
- Alan Slifka and his family on the death of Alan's beloved mother, Sylvia Slifka.

**Mazal Tov To The Following Members And Their Families**

- Alexander, Steven, Lisa and Theodore Owen on Alexander becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Michaela, Jerry Kupfer and Virginia Reticker on Michaela becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Faith Cohen on the naming of her daughter, Sydney Maud Cohen.
- Shera Wise and Ted Silver and their families on Shera and Ted's recent engagement.

**B'rulkhim Haba'im To**

- Rabbi Eric Gurvis and 9th graders, Temple Sholom, Newton, Massachusetts.
- Rabbi Aryeh Azriel and 10th graders, Temple Israel, Omaha, Nebraska.

**This Week's Community Kiddush Is Sponsored By**

- Steven and Lisa Owen in honor of their son, Alexander, becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Virginia Reticker and Jerry Kupfer in honor of their daughter, Michaela, becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

### APRIL / MAY SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

**Tot Shabbat** 5:45 PM – 86th Street  
*Friday, April 18*  
*Friday, May 16*

**Saturday Shabbat Service** 9:30 AM – 86th Street

**Storahtelling** 10:30 AM – 86th Street  
*Saturday, May 10*

*There will be no Family Service or Wandering Minyan after April 4. These services will resume in the Fall.*

**Tot Shabbat**

*Friday, April 18, 86th Street Sanctuary:* Join musician Jody Prusan for a short, sweet Kabbalat Shabbat service for families with children under 5 at 5:45pm. A light kiddish will follow.

**Flowers For The Bimah On April 11 and 12 Are Sponsored By** Lisa and Steven Owen in honor of their son, Alexander, becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and by Virginia Reticker and Jerry Kupfer, in honor of their daughter, Michaela becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

## LIMUD/LEARNING

### CLASSES

To register, visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) or call x221.

**•Voicing The Silenced: Torah, God And Women**

*Two Thursdays, May 1 and 8, 7:00 PM* in the 86th Street Parlor Room: Join Rabbi Rachel Gartner to traverse the landscape of Jewish tradition, exploring Torah, theology and liturgy with the teachings of contemporary women thinkers as guides. The teachings will explore feminist approaches and will draw on personal experiences. The journey will culminate in a Shabbat Minḥa service, led by Rabbi Gartner. Open to men and women. Cost: free for members/\$60 non-members. Registration required. Call x221. Code: 396.

**•Creative Minḥa Service**

*Saturday, May 10, 5:00 PM*, Riverside Park (enter at 91st Street and find us at the the bottom of the hill): Join Marshall T. Meyer Fellow Rabbi Rachel Gartner for this dynamic wind-up of her class, "Voicing The Silenced." This contemplative Minḥa service, will resound with the liturgical innovations of contemporary Jewish women thinkers. The service is open to the entire community, men as well as women. Cost: free. Rain date: Saturday, May 24, 5:00 PM, 86th Street Chapel.

**•There's Still Time To 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

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**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.

holiday. Forms for hosts can be found in the rear of the sanctuary. If you would like to take part in this mitzvah and would like further information, please contact Amy Wachtel and Toby Baldinger at x351 or email [Hospitality@bj.org](mailto:Hospitality@bj.org). (We regret that enrollment for new guests is closed.)

**•Jews Of The Amazon Discovered**

*Wednesday, April 30, 7:00 PM*, at 88th Street Sanctuary: Please join Rabbi Guillermo Bronstein (Asociacion Judia de Beneficiencia, Lima, Peru) and Rabbi Claudio Kupchik (First Hebrew Congregation, Peekskill, New York) 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](mailto:BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com).

## BJ ISRAEL FAIR

•**Shop For Israel's Finest Art, Jewelry and Crafts At BJ's Israel Fair**  
**Saturday, May 3, 9:30 PM and Sunday, May 4, 11:00 AM-6:00 PM**, at The Abraham Joshua Heschel School (270 West 89th Street): BJ's Israel Fair will support Israeli businesses and artisans who have suffered severe losses this past year. The event will feature up to 40 of Israel's most sought after vendors of Judaica, jewelry, art, music, books, toys and more. Plus, with Mother's Day just one week later, this is an opportunity to find a beautiful gift that will benefit our brothers and sisters in Israel. Saturday night preview festivities will feature an Israeli wine and cheese tasting, and entertainment by Yale Strom and the BJ Musician's Havurah. On Sunday, the fair will offer food, raffles and a babysitting room. (All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.) For info, visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). Cost: \$18 on Saturday night/\$5.00 on Sunday; free for children under 13. All proceeds will go to charity.

## RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED!

The fair committee needs donated items to raffle on both days of the fair. If you or someone you know has something to donate, e.g., tickets to a sports event or show, dinner at a kosher restaurant, a gift certificate to a store, please contact Lisa Tannenbaum at [lbt73@hotmail.com](mailto:lbt73@hotmail.com) or call the BJ office.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Support Israel! Help With The Israel Fair

The Israel Fair Committee desperately needs volunteers to help with variety of tasks before, during and after the fair. To participate, contact Carol Dikman at x255 or [cdikman@bj.org](mailto:cdikman@bj.org).

•**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 led by BJ member Bernice Todres, meditation teacher on the Makom Faculty at the JCC. Each session will focus on a specific attribute: hesed, gevurah, tiferet, netzach, etc. For info, call (646) 505-5708 or (212) 802-9360.

•**Yom HaShoah 5763/ 2003 Service And Commemoration**  
**Monday, April 28, 6:30 PM**, 88th Street: Services will include reading the names of family and friends murdered in the Shoah, followed by the Academy Award winning documentary, "Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport." Lore Segal, one of the children who was rescued in the transport, will be with us to lead a discussion and answer questions. We will then join other synagogues and the JCC at West End Synagogue (190 Amsterdam Ave. at 69th St.) for an all-night, all-day vigil with the reading of the names of tens of thousands of our 6,000,000 Jewish martyrs. BJ's reading slot is 5:30 AM. If you wish to read your family names at BJ, please call x240.

## •Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Tuesday, May 6

## •Family Celebration

**5:00 PM** at 88th Street, Frankel Hall: Please join us to celebrate Israel. We will sing, dance, eat and make decorations for the Salute to Israel Parade. If you missed Shira Kline last Sunday, you're in luck. Shira will lead us in songs for Yom Ha'Atzmaut! To RSVP, please contact Hollis at x244 or [hgauss@bj.org](mailto:hgauss@bj.org).

## •Celebrate "The Many Faces of Israel"

**6:45 PM**, 88th Street. Join us at services, followed by a program featuring the culture of Ethiopian Jews and Bedouins, as well as a multi-cultural Israeli dance celebration. Featured guests will be Batia Eyob, Clinton Bailey and Ruth Goodman.

## •Learn With Visiting Scholar Dr. Aviva Zornberg

Don't miss the opportunity to hear Dr. Aviva Zornberg, renowned Jewish scholar and winner of the National Jewish Book Award. Dr. Zornberg will present three teachings on three separate days.

## •"Abraham Bound And Unbound: The Akedah"

**Thursday, May 15, 7:30 PM**, 88th Street, Sanctuary: Cost: \$15 members/\$20 non-members. To register, call x221. Code: 515.

## •Shabbat B'Yahad Dinner: "The Paradigm Of Love: Ruth and Boaz"

**Friday, May 16, 7:30 PM**, 88th Street, Frankel Hall. To register call x304 and leave your name and phone number AND send a check to the BJ office marked "5/16" Shabbat B'Yahad Dinner with Dr. Zornberg no later than May 9. If space is available, add a \$10 late fee for reservations received after the deadline. To register online visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) AND call x304 and leave your name and phone number to have your reservation confirmed.

## •"Through the Looking Glass: Women In The Exodus Narrative"

**Saturday, May 17, 5:30 PM**, 88th Street, Sanctuary. Cost: free.

## •BJ Marches In The Salute to Israel Parade

**Sunday, June 1, 11:00 AM**, 5th Avenue: We are thrilled to announce that BJ will participate as a congregation for the FIRST TIME EVER in this year's Salute to Israel Parade. We will shortly have more specific information concerning exactly WHEN AND WHERE our group will march and WHERE you can cheer from the sidelines as a spectator. Registration and T-shirt order forms are available online at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) and at the BJ office.

## SINGLES

## •Shake It On The Dance Floor With Reba Perez

**Sunday April 20, 5:00 PM** at Empire Dance, 127 W. 25th St., 11th floor, (bet. 6th and 7th): Join dance instructor and BJ member Reba Perez every first and third Sunday for a fun lesson/mixer, mixed dances, warm vibes and cool music! Cost: \$15/BJ members, \$18/non-members, includes dance lesson and complimentary drink. For info call (212) 645-2441 or visit [www.EmpireDance.com](http://www.EmpireDance.com).

## •At-Home Catered Shabbat Dinner

**Friday, May 9**, after the 6:00 PM Service: Getting together for dinner in groups of 12-18 is a favorite way to make new friends and share Shabbat. BJ members living on the UWS (within a 15-block radius of BJ) are needed to host and must volunteer by April 25. The guest registration deadline is April 30. For info or to volunteer, call x306 ASAP. To register, see the flyer at the back of the sanctuary or visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). Cost: \$25/members; \$35/non-members. If space is available, a \$10 late fee applies after the deadline.

## HEBREW SCHOOL

## •Passover Vacation

There will be no school from April 14 - 26; school will resume on Monday, April 28. Have a Hag Kasher veSameah!

## •Biblical Scavenger Hunt At The NY Botanical Garden

**Sunday, May 18**, Parents and children are invited to sign up for this exciting end-of-year event. Enjoy time at the Botanical Garden with a scavenger hunt and more. To register, fill out and submit the form you received in the mail, or call Dalya at x241 for another one.

## •Israel Day Parade

**Sunday, June 1**: The BJHS will be marching in the Israel Day Parade. Please don't forget to sign up. For info, call Dalya at x241.

**Spring Clean-Up Day In Riverside Park**

**Sunday, April 27:** Join the Environmental Action Task force in Riverside Park to help beautify the park in honor of Earth Day. Volunteers will help clean the park and garden. The deadline to volunteer is Sunday, April 20. Families are welcome. To sign up, contact Michael Ekstract, x310.

**AIDSWALK NY 2003: Walk With The BJ Team Or Sponsor A Walker**

**Sunday, May 18:** The AIDSWALK is only six weeks away! Join BJ's record-breaking, money-raising Gold Team. Easy registration is available online at [www.aidswalk.net](http://www.aidswalk.net). Please remember to sign up as part of the Congregation B'nai Jeshurun Team #1017. For info and to be on our AIDSWALK committee, contact co-chairs Elliot Davis and Sharon Lachow at x360 or [Bjawnny@bj.org](mailto:Bjawnny@bj.org).

**Holocaust Survivor Compensation For Labor In Nazi Ghettos**

Information on the eligibility for German Social Security payments to Holocaust survivors (or their spouses) who performed labor in Nazi ghettos can be found in "German Pensions for Work in Ghettos: A Claims Conference Handbook." Look online at [www.claimscon.org](http://www.claimscon.org). The deadline to apply is June 30. For info, call The Claims Conference (646) 536-9100.

**Pikuah Nefesh: BJ Spring Blood Drive**

**May 14, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM.** 88th Street: The New York Blood Center is undergoing a blood bank emergency. Nearly 25% of our blood supply now comes from other regions of the U.S., and we need more than 2,000 pints of blood daily to serve 200 hospitals in the Greater New York/New Jersey area. Please join BJ's efforts to support the New York Blood Center. This is a wonderful opportunity to perform a great mitzvah. To sign up, please contact Trudi Levine or Sharon Messite at x373. Also, please do not forget Hugo Frank, the grandson of a BJ member, who 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.

**Cleaning Out Your Closets And Cabinets For Spring?**

Please bring any clothes and children's clothes in good condition, and housewares to the SPSA 86th Street Foyer on any day from 9:00 AM to 10 PM for distribution through the WSCAH food pantry. Hundreds of families a day come for food; many would be very grateful for the things you are not using any more!

**JFREJ Campaign for Immigrant Justice/Racial Justice**

Jews for Racial and Economic has created a Haggadah insert as part of their Campaign for Immigrant Justice/Racial Justice. The insert

tells the Passover story, applying old symbols to modern times. You can download it at [www.jfrej.org](http://www.jfrej.org), or call (212) 647-8966 for info about how to get involved in the campaign.

**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.

**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., NY, NY 10024; or order online at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org).

**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](mailto: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.*

**This Week In Israel's History**

In April of 1920, at the San Remo Conference, 400 years of harsh Turkish Ottoman rule ended. As a result, control of the area, now occupied by Jordan and Israel, was transferred to the British. This land was sparsely populated and neglected. It consisted of eroded hills, sandy deserts and malarial marshes. Mark Twain, who visited Palestine in 1867, described it as a "desolate country whose soil is rich enough but is given over wholly to weeds - a silent mournful expanse....We never saw a human being on the whole route....There was hardly a tree or shrub anywhere. Even the olive and cactus, those fast friends of a worthless soil, had almost deserted the country" (The Innocents Abroad). The French author Voltaire described Palestine as "a hopeless, dreary place." Jerusalem was a small walled city with most of its population living on charity from abroad. The first recorded census in 1844 listed the population as consisting of 7,120 Jews, 5,760 Muslims and 3,390 Christians. Up until 1860, everyone lived within the walls of the city which became very crowded. As a result, and with the financial help of Sir Moses Montefiore, the Jews built the first suburb, Mishkenot Sha'ananim, near the Jaffa Gate. Other, similar neighborhoods, Mea Shearim (1873 -75) and Yemin Moshe (1892), soon followed. These became the nucleus of the new City of Jerusalem. When you look at modern Israel now, it is important to remember its very humble beginnings, and how Jews made the dream a reality.

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