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April 25 - May 2, 2003

23 Nisan - 30 Nisan, 5763

Parashat Hol Hamaod Pesah

PARASHAT AHAREI MOT  
MEVARKHIM HA'HODESH

TORAH  
ANNUAL Leviticus 16:1 - 18:30  
TRIENNIAL Leviticus 17:1 - 18:30

HAFTARAH  
Amos 9:7-15

NEXT WEEK:

PARASHAT KEDOSHIM  
ROSH HODESH IYYAR

TORAH  
ANNUAL Leviticus 19:1 - 20:27  
TRIENNIAL Leviticus 19:1 - 20:27

MAFTIR  
Numbers 28:9-15

HAFTARAH  
Isaiah 66:1-24

Social Justice Opportunity Of The Week

**Volunteer At BJ's Israel Fair, May 2-4**  
Over 200 people are needed to participate at the Israel Fair and we know that many of you are planning to take part.

However, in order to plan ahead, the Fair Committee needs to hear from you this coming week! Please be ready to indicate which time you prefer: Friday afternoon for set-up (pre-Shabbat) and/or Sunday morning or afternoon. As soon as possible, please contact Carol Dikman at x255 or [cdikman@bj.org](mailto:cdikman@bj.org). All proceeds will go to Israeli artisans, vendors and charities!

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
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SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Shabbat Service  
Bar Mitzvah  
Bat Mitzvah  
Children's Service  
Mevarkhim HaHodesh  
Community Kiddush  
Shabbat Learning  
*Rabbi Claudia Kreiman*

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Morning Minyan  
Gesher Teen Program

MONDAY, APRIL 28 (BJHS Open)

Morning Minyan  
Introduction to Judaism  
Yom HaShoah Service and Commemoration

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

Morning Minyan  
Introduction to Talmud  
Introductory B'nai Mitzvah Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Morning Minyan  
Kesharim  
Jews of the Amazon Discovered  
*Rabbis Guillermo Bronstein and Claudio Kupchik*

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Morning Minyan  
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program  
Parashat HaShavuah  
Voicing the Silenced: Torah, God, and Women  
*Rabbi Rachel Gartner*

FRIDAY, MAY 2

Rosh Hodesh Iyyar  
Morning Minyan  
Rosh Hodesh Breakfast  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
*ASL Interpreted*  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

OMER 8 Hesed shebeGevurah

6:00 PM – 88th St.  
6:45 PM – 86th St.

OMER 9 Gevurah shebeGevurah

9:30 AM – 86th St.  
Jordan Schneider  
Rachel Ruskin  
10:45 AM – 86th St.  
12:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall  
12:30 PM – 86th St. Social Hall  
4:00 PM – 86th St. Parlor Room

OMER 10 Tiferet shebeGevurah

9:30 AM – 88th St.  
5:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

OMER 11 Netzah shebeGevurah

7:30 AM – 88th St.  
7:00 PM – 86th St. Chapel  
6:30 PM – 88th St.

OMER 12 Hod shebeGevurah

7:30 AM – 88th St.  
8:15 AM – 88th St.  
7:00 PM – 88th St.

OMER 13 Yesod shebeGevurah

7:30 AM – 88th St.  
2:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall  
7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

OMER 14 Malkhut shebeGevurah

7:30 AM – 88th St.  
12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall  
7:00 PM – 86th St. Chapel  
7:00 PM – 86th St. Parlor Room

OMER 15 Hesed shebeTiferet

7:30 AM – 88th St.  
9:00 AM – 88th St. Frankel Hall  
6:00 PM – 88th St.  
6:45 PM – 86th St.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAMAKOM YENAHEM

The Community of B'nai Jeshurun Mourns The Death of Our Beloved Member Richard Jankell, and extends sincere condolences to his wife Joan and their family.

The Community of B'nai Jeshurun Extends Its Sincere Condolences To

- Ruth Joseph and her family on the death of her beloved mother, Juliette Hinderstein.

- Robin Fried on the death of her beloved grandmother, Sadie Friedland.

Mazal Tov to The Following Members and Their Families:

- Rachel, Bradley Ruskin and Susan Brooks on Rachel becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Jordan, Martin Schneider and Debra Fine on Jordan becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

B'ruchim Haba'im To:

- Youth Director Adam Shpall and High School students, Congregation B'nai Israel, Northampton, Massachusetts.
- Rabbi Elliot B. Gertel, Executive Director Thea Crook and students, Congregation Rodfei Zedek, Chicago, Illinois.
- Rabbi John Moscovitz and members of Holy Blossom Temple, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

## 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 May 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.

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

#### •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).

### 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, May 16**

Saturday Shabbat Service 9:30 AM – 86th Street

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

*This year's final Geshet Teen Program will be on Sunday, June 1. The Family Service and Wandering Minyan will resume in the Fall.*

**This Week's Kiddush and Flowers for The Bimah Are Co-Sponsored** By Debra Fine and Martin Schneider in honor of their son, Jordan, becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and Susan Brooks Ruskin and Brad Ruskin in honor of their daughter, Rachel, becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

#### •Counting Up to Sinai

**Saturday, April 26, 4:00 PM**, SPSA/86th Street Parlor Room  
Join Rabbi Claudia Kreiman (BJ Fellow in Israel) on this Shabbat afternoon for a teaching on the Counting of the Omer: From the Exodus from Egypt to the Receiving of Torah: Sefirah, Sipur, Sefirot. What are we counting and what do we need to count to prepare to re-live Sinai once again on Shavuot?

#### •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 congregations and the JCC at West End Synagogue (190 Amsterdam Avenue 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 at 5:30 AM. If you wish to read your family names at BJ, 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. Shira Klein will be there to lead us in songs. To RSVP, please contact Hollis at x244 or [hgauss@bj.org](mailto:hgauss@bj.org).

##### •Celebrate "The Many Faces of Israel"

**6:45 PM**, at 88th Street: Join us at services, followed by a program presenting 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.

### CANCELLED

**Masakhet Kiddushin: A Journey of Ongoing Learning, Thursday, May 8, 7:00 PM**, 88th Street.

**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): The fair will benefit our brothers and sisters in Israel, and will feature up to 40 of Israel's most sought after vendors of Judaica, jewelry, art, music, books, toys and more. Saturday night preview festivities will include an Israeli wine and cheese tasting, and entertainment by Yale Strom and the BJ Musicians *Havurah*. On Sunday, there will be 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 Saturday night/\$5.00 Sunday; free for children under 13. All proceeds will go to charity.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Support Israel! Help With The BJ Israel Fair**  
 We need volunteers for a variety of tasks before, during and after the fair. Contact Carol Dikman at x255 or [cdikman@bj.org](mailto:cdikman@bj.org).

**•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 successive 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.

**•Ledor Vador Shabbat Intergenerational Lunch**

**Saturday, May 17**, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us for a special two-part program featuring BJ member Dr. Eileen Ain, an internationally known flutist, who will treat us to a recital. We will also welcome Meir Feldman, Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow. Meir will speak about the transformation in the Jewish calendar from Pesah to Shavuot. Cost: \$12 members/\$15 non-members. Deadline: May 5. To register, call x334 AND send a check to the BJ office marked "Ledor Vador Lunch-5/17," covering the cost of all reservations.

**•BJ Book Group Meeting**

**Sunday, May 18**, 7:00 PM, 88th Street Sanctuary  
 The group will be discussing the novel, "The Illuminated Soul" by Aryeh Lev Stollman. Set a few years after World War II, this is the story of a family in Windsor, Canada, that comes into contact with a rare 15th century illuminated manuscript smuggled out of Europe at great risk and tragic cost. Stollman has written a powerful, spiritual novel that draws on Jewish texts, folklore, neurology (he is both a novelist and neuroradiologist), film and medieval literature. For more info, call the BJ office, x221.

**•Concert For Peace**

**Sunday, May 25**, 7:00 PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: Performers will include Matt Turk, Sway Machinery with Tomer Tzur, and other performers. Keep your eye on the Kol Jeshurun for more information.

**•BJ Marches In The Salute To Israel Parade**

**Sunday, June 1**, 11:00 AM, 5th Avenue: BJ will participate as a congregation in this year's parade. Watch Kol Jeshurun for time and location details. Registration and T-shirt order forms are available online at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) and at the BJ office.

**•SAVE THE DATE! BJ Annual Congregational Retreat**

**Friday, June 13 - Sunday, June 15**, Block & Hexter Vacation Center, Poyntelle, Pennsylvania: Join our rabbis for BJ's 11th annual retreat. This year, we will welcome Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg, Professor of Jewish Thought and Mysticism at the University of Michigan. Please come and enjoy the fullness of Shabbat, including children's services and programming, in a beautiful country setting. Look for registration forms in the mail, at the BJ office and at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). Remember to register early, as the retreat fills up quickly! For more info call Anne Kohn, x240.

**SINGLES****•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. The registration deadline for hosts and guests 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 Ends**

Don't forget, school resumes on Monday, April 28.

**•Biblical Scavenger Hunt At The NY Botanical Garden**

**Sunday, May 18**: Families are invited to join us 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 march in the parade. For info and to register, visit [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) or come to the BJ office.

**•BJ Hebrew School 2003/2004 Registration**

We are now registering returning students. If you have not received an application, download it at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). Click on "Hebrew School," then click on "BJHS Registration." New students and families should contact Linda Specht, x 242 for more info.

**AIDS Walk 2003: Walk With The BJ Team Or Sponsor a Walker!**

**Sunday, May 18:** The AIDS Walk is only 4 weeks away! Join BJ's record-breaking, money-raising Gold Team on May 18. Just fill out the card at your seat on Shabbat and mail it to GMHC, The Tisch Building, 119 West 24 Street, New York, NY 10001. Easy registration is also 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 if you'd like to join our AIDS Walk Committee, contact Co-Chairs Elliot Davis and Sharon Lachow at x360 or at [bjawny@bj.org](mailto:bjawny@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**

**Wednesday, 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.

**One Voice to Save Choice: An Interfaith Evening Commemorating The 30th Anniversary of Roe V. Wade**

**Thursday, May 15, 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:00 PM),** Congregation Rodeph Sholom, 7 West 83rd Street: Come together to support the right to choose. BJ is co-sponsoring this important interfaith dialogue with national leaders in the fight for choice, including Kate Michelman, President of NARAL; Rabbi David Saperstein, Executive Director of the Religious Action Center; Reverend Peter Laarman, Senior Minister of Judson Memorial Church; and Karen and Willam Bell. To RSVP, contact (212) 362-8800 x8106 or [voicechoice@rodephsholom.org](mailto:voicechoice@rodephsholom.org). Cost: free.

**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!

**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](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.*

**D'var Tefillah: Shema: The Mitzvah of Tzitzit**

In the ancient Near East, free people wore fringes, or tzitzit, on the hems of their everyday clothes. Since only free people wore tzitzit, they were a form of identification. Business transactions were sealed by kissing tzitzit.

The mitzvah of tzitzit is based on that ancient sign of freedom. The fringes remind us that we voluntarily follow the way of God, who freed us from Egyptian slavery. It is, literally, a string tied around our finger.

Levi Weinman-Kelman  
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