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Parashat Behar

PARASHAT BEHUKOTAI

TORAH

ANNUAL Leviticus 26:3 - 27:34

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 26:3 - 27:15

HAFTARAH

Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:14

NEXT WEEK:

PARASHAT B'MIDBAR

MEVARKHIM HAHOODESH

TORAH

ANNUAL Numbers 1:1 - 4:20

TRIENNIAL Numbers 2:1 - 3:13

HAFTARAH

I Samuel 20:18 - 42

Social Justice Opportunity

BJ And The BJ Hebrew School Walk As A Community In The Salute To Israel Parade

Sunday, June 1, BJ Start Time is 1:15 PM at 54th St. between Madison & 5th Avenues.

The weather will be just right for a stroll down 5th Avenue, the T shirts are adorable, and there could not be a better time to express our love and support for Israel! Please join us as we participate in the Salute to Israel Parade for the first time as a community.

You can sign up and order T shirts at www.bj.org or visit the office. But registration is not required. Please just come and bring your friends, too!

Singles! If you'd like to coordinate with us, please call the office, x306 to leave your name and number for more info.

Spectators can watch from BJ's spot on the west side of 5th between 73rd and 74th Streets. The parade begins at 11:00 AM.

May 23 - May 30, 2003

21 Iyyar - 28 Iyyar, 5763

FRIDAY, MAY 23

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:00 PM – 88th St.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:45 PM – 86th St.

Omer 37 Gevurah shebeYesod

SATURDAY, MAY 24

Shabbat Service

9:30 AM – 86th St.

Bar Mitzvah

Harris Brett Wild

Aliyat Hatan veKallah

Stephen Leonhardt and Marissa Passer

Jack Chodorowsky and Jessica Levin

Children's Service

10:45 AM – 86th St.

Community Kiddush

12:30 PM – 86th St., Social Hall

Creative Mincha Service

Rabbi Rachel Gartner

5:00 PM – 86th St., Chapel

Omer 38 Tiferet shebeYesod

Evening

SUNDAY, MAY 25

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

Gesher Teen Program

5:00 PM – 88th St., Frankel Hall

Omer 39 Netzah shebeYesod

Evening

MONDAY, MAY 26

Morning Minyan

Memorial Day, Office Closed

Bar Mitzvah

9:30 AM – 88th St.

Omer 40 Hod shebeYesod

Eugene Bardosh-Rabina

Evening

TUESDAY, MAY 27

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Musicians' Havurah

7:00 PM – 88th St., Sanctuary

Omer 41 Yesod shebeYesod

Evening

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Kesharim

2:00 PM – 88th St., Frankel Hall

Omer 42 Malkhut shebeYesod

Evening

THURSDAY, MAY 29

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM – 88th St., Frankel Hall

Parashah HaShavu'a (Final Class)

7:00 PM – 86th St., Parlor Room

Omer 43 Hesed shebeYesod

Evening

FRIDAY, MAY 30

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:00 PM – 88th St.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:45 PM – 86th St.

Latin American Shabbat Dinner

7:30 PM – 88th St., Frankel Hall

Professor Ilan Stavans

Singles Oneg Shabbat

8:30 PM – 86th St., Social Hall

Omer 44 Gevurah shebeYesod

Evening

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAHM

The Community Of B'nai Jeshurun Mourns The Death Of Our Beloved Member, Fifi Weinert and extends condolences to her family.

The Community Of B'nai Jeshurun Extends Its Deep Condolences To Jay Dengrove and his family on the death of his beloved brother, Bruce Dengrove.

Mazal Tov To The Following Members And Their Families:

- Harris, Leana, Philip, Nathan and Sammy Wild on Harris becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Eugene, Saul Bardosh and Debbie Rabina on Eugene becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Stephen Leonhardt and Marissa Passer on their upcoming wedding.
- Jack Chorowsky and Jessica Levin on their upcoming wedding.
- Elena Sigman on becoming a Bat Torah (at today's children's service).
- Madelaine and Marc Strauss on the arrival of their daughter Cornelia Anita Arias Strauss.
- Susan Rudofsky and David Nathaniel Schwartz on their recent engagement.
- Alan B. Slifka upon receiving the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Brandeis University.
- Rabbi Len and Lois Sharzer on Len's ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary.
- Rabbi Jan Uhrbach on her ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

LIMUD/LEARNING

CLASSES

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

•Creative Minḥa Service

Saturday, May 24, 5:00 PM, 86th Street, Chapel: 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.

•Summer Study in Jerusalem

Friday, July 4 - Thursday, July 10

Experience study in Israel with Rabbi Matalon and BJ members, as well as members of Lincoln Square Synagogue and the JCC. We will be studying at Kolot, a pluralistic study center in Jerusalem, near the German Colony. Among the teachers will be Rabbi Moti Bar-Or, Dr. Melila Hellner Eshed, Rabbi Shlomo Fox and Professor Uriel Simon. Study will focus on "The Land of Israel: From Classical Texts to Modern Dilemmas." The cost, \$2,250, includes air fare, six nights at the Inbal Hotel (formerly known as The Laromme), study costs, some meals and field trips. An extension to study with Hamidrasha, as well as spending Shabbat with them, is also available. Space is very limited, so please respond as quickly as possible to Carol Dikman, x255 or cdikman@bj.org.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

•Men's Havurah Third Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 7:00 PM, Upper West Side: Join us as we shape this new community circle. Support, spirituality and Yiddishkeit might be ingredients; however, we can create as we go, and the Havurah will

MAY / JUNE SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service <i>June 6, 20 - ASL Interpreted</i>	6:00 PM – 88th Street
Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:45 PM – 86th Street
Saturday Shabbat Service <i>June 7 - Shavuot, includes Yizkor</i>	9:30 AM – 86th Street
<i>June 28 - change of location</i>	9:30 AM – 88th Street
Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service <i>June 27 switch to one service only</i>	7:00 PM – 88th Street

B'rukhim Haba'im To:

- Linda Cooper and students, Tarbut V'Torah School, Irvine, California.
- Linda Burney and Judy Blumenthal and 8th grade students, Temple Israel, Long Beach, California.

This Week's Kiddush Is Co-Sponsored By Leana and Philip Wild in honor of their son Harris becoming a Bar Mitzvah and Anne and Laurence Passer in honor of their daughter Marissa's upcoming marriage to Stephen Leonhardt.

Flowers For The Bimah This Week Are Sponsored By Leana and Philip Wild in honor of their son Harris becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

become whatever we choose. We are looking for a maximum of 8 to 10 men. For info on the exact location of this meeting, or to discuss any questions, call Sonny Greenwald, at (212) 769 0350.

•Train To Be A Counter-Missionary Volunteer

Wednesday May 28, 6:00 PM, Jewish Community Relations Council, 70 W. 36th Street (between 5th and 6th Avenues), Suite 700: The JCRC will hold a training session for Jewish counter-missionary volunteers to respond to "Jews For Jesus," a Christian missionary group who pose as Jews and lead away 7,500 Jews each year. Please come to this year's meeting at the JCRC and safeguard our Jewish community. RSVP to Karen Sackville at (212) 983-4800, x127. If you cannot make this session, additional sessions can be arranged. To speak to a BJ member for info, call Mark Kanter at (212) 662-2880. You can also visit www.tforce.org.

•Latin American Shabbat Dinner

Friday, May 30, 7:30 PM after services, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join the BJ Latin America Committee for a dinner featuring Ilan Stavans, author and Lewis Sebring Professor of Latin American and Latino Culture at Amherst College. Professor Stavans will speak on "Jews and Latinos: Unlikely Neighbors." Seating is extremely limited. Sign up online at www.bj.org through Tuesday, May 27 (if spaces remains). Cost: \$25 members/\$35 non members. For info or for our monthly e-calendar, please contact x371 or BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com.

•Seventh Annual Gay & Lesbian Pride Shabbat Service and Dinner

Friday, May 30, 6:00 PM Service and 7:30 PM Dinner, at Rodeph Sholom, 7 West 83rd Street (near Central Park): Come launch Gay & Lesbian Pride month early at this service featuring a guest speaker and
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•BJ's 11th Annual Congregational Retreat Is Soon

Friday, June 13 - Sunday, June 15, Block & Hexter Vacation Center, Poyntelle, Pennsylvania: Join our rabbis for BJ's 11th annual retreat. We will welcome Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg, Professor of Jewish Thought and Mysticism at the University of Michigan. There will be activities for children. Registration forms and payment in full are due at the BJ office by May 28. Forms are available at the office or online at www.bj.org. Please register early, as the retreat fills up quickly! For info, call Anne Kohn at x240.

musical program, followed by dinner. Cost: \$25/\$20 students; add \$5 for payment received after the May 27 deadline. Sliding scale admissions are confidentially available if the cost will prevent your attendance. To reserve, visit www.rodephsholomgays@aol.com or call (212) 362-8800, x8100. You must have prepaid reservations to attend. The event is co-sponsored by the Rodeph Sholom Gay & Lesbian Concerns Committee, the BJ Gay & Lesbian Committee, the JCC in Manhattan and the Orthodykes.

•Havurah Third Birthday Celebration Joins Mevarkhim HaHodesh

Saturday, May 31, 12:30 PM, 86th Street Social Hall: Please come to a kiddush celebrating the third birthday of our Havurah on the day we are called to the Torah. We are joining Shoshana Jedwab and the Mevarkhim HaHodesh observance after services. There are 10 of us who have created a holy circle that we truly cherish. We look forward to enjoying Shabbat with you.

•Kolot Annual Benefit

Wednesday, June 4, 6:30 PM, Columbia University's Alfred Lerner Hall, 2920 Broadway at 115th Street: This Shavuot-themed evening will feature varied entertainment and will honor Marge Piercy and Debby Hirshman. Cost: \$360. For info, call Kolot at (215) 576-0800, x149.

•BJ Shavuot Observance

•1st Evening Service, Thursday, June 5, 8:00 PM, 88th Street:

After services, we will continue with the traditional Tikkun Leil Shavuot, a night of communal study. Amichai Lau-Levi will lead a Storah-telling exploration of the Book of Ruth and Peter Geffen will teach about the Book of Ruth. Study will continue throughout the night, concluding with a sunrise Shaḥarit service at Riverside Park.

•1st Day Service, Friday, June 6, 10:00 AM, 88th Street

•Children's Services, 11:15 AM, 88th Street, Frankel Hall: Toward the conclusion of services, all the children will be invited to decorate the bimah with bikkurim (baskets of fruits, flowers and greens) for later donation to the homeless. Please bring a basket, fruit and nuts; we will provide flowers. After services, we will gather (weather permitting) for our annual Shavuot picnic in Riverside Park. Please bring your lunch; drinks will be provided.

•2nd Day Service, Saturday, June 7, 9:30 AM, 88th Street

•Children's Services, 10:45 AM, 88th Street, Frankel Hall.

•The Cordoba Bread Festival: Children of Abraham Breaking Bread Together

Sunday, June 8, 6:00 PM, St. Bart's Church Center for Religious Inquiry, Park Avenue between 50th and 51st Streets: Jews, Christians and Muslims will experience sacred bread through the eyes of the three faiths, using words, music and dance. The festival will feature renowned Muslim storytellers, gospel choirs, author Francine Klagsburn, Rev. Tully of St. Bart's Church, improvisational artists, BJ members, children of all faiths and others. The festival is being produced and co-sponsored by the BJ/SPSA Interfaith Committee and the American Sufi Muslim Association. Cost: \$25, including a light supper. RSVP to info@asmasociety.org.

SINGLES

•Oneg Shabbat

Friday, May 30, 8:30 PM, 86th Street, Social Hall: Spring is in the air and that special someone may be waiting for you at our monthly gathering. Refreshments are served. Cost: free. All are welcome.

•Singles Improv Workshop

Tuesday, June 3, 7:00 PM, 88th Street: Carl Kissin of "Chicago City Limits" leads us in a night of improv that will expand your mind and get your body moving. No experience is needed and there is no pressure to perform. Dress comfortably. Cost: \$20 members/\$25 non-members. Register at www.bj.org or send a check noting your phone number to the office by May 29. Walk-ins may attend if space allows.

•Movie at Makor: "Wet Hot American Summer"

Monday, June 9, 7:30 PM, 35 W. 67th Street: Join stars Janeane Garofalo, Paul Rudd, Michael Showalter, Amy Poehler and director David Wane at a screening and discussion of this spoof about the last day at a Jewish summer camp and the hilarious, romantic—even dangerous—doings. David Hyde Pierce also stars. Running time: 97 minutes. Cost: \$20. For tickets, call Makor at (212) 601-1000.

•Shabbat Dinner At Darna

Friday, June 13, Darna, 89th and Columbus Avenue: The first Darna dinner was so great we're having another. Meet, eat and socialize! Cost: members \$25/non-members \$35. Register online at www.bj.org or call x306 and leave your name and phone number AND send a check to the BJ office marked "6/13 Singles Shabbat Dinner at Darna" no later than June 6th. YOU WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNTIL YOU HAVE PAID. If space is available, add a \$10 late fee for reservations received after the deadline.

•Tze'irim (Young People) Shabbat Picnic Lunch

Saturday June 14, 12:30 PM, Meet at the 86th Street doors after Services, or the Riverside Park 91st Street Entrance: If you're in your 20s or 30s—married, single, gay or straight—come share your insights and interests as we shape this emerging group in our community. Bring your own lunch, a blanket and either a drink or kosher dessert to share. We look forward to being with you.

•Save These Dates

June 20: Oneg; **June 21:** Picnic; **July 20 (1:15 PM):** Yankee Game.

•Join The BJ Tze'irim ("Young People") Elist

If you are a BJ member in your 20s to mid-30s, add your name to our special elist to receive information about upcoming Tze'irim events. We will gather for Shabbat dinners, to participate in social justice activities, study, and socialize. Please join us and share your insights, concerns and passions as together we shape this emerging group, and find our unique and important voice. If you'd like to join the Elist, please send an email to BJTzerim-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

•Join The BJ Single Parent Havurah

We are a fun group of people who are either divorced, single by choice, or widowed. We meet once a month for an adults-only Shabbat dinner or Sunday brunch, or for an activity that includes our children. For info, contact David at djzagorski@hotmail.com.

HEBREW SCHOOL

•BJ Hebrew School 2003/2004 Registration

We are registering returning students. If you have not received an application, download it at www.bj.org- Hebrew School-BJHS Registration. New families should contact Linda Specht, x 242 for more info.

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.

Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Needed!

Sunday, June 29, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM: If you've ever wanted to build a house, here's your chance. We need 20 volunteers for the BJ Build Team. We will work at the new Habitat site in the Bronx. No construction experience is necessary and volunteers must be over 16 years of age. For info or to volunteer, email Amanda Silver at asilver@bj.org. Let us know if you'd like to be a team leader.

HAZON 3rd Annual NY Jewish Environmental Bike Ride

August 15-18, East Hampton to Manhattan: Join the BJ Bike Team in this fantastic opportunity to get great exercise, make new friends, and raise money for Jewish Environmental causes in the U.S. and Israel. We need people who haven't ridden in years, but want a good challenge, as well as avid cyclists looking for a great ride. All ages are welcome! No experience is necessary: there will be training rides throughout the summer. Participants will ride 110 miles over a two-day time period, along a beautiful route by the ocean, with an optional Shabbaton. To register, contact the Environmental Action Task Force at x310. For more info, visit www.hazon.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.

Join the BJ Dishwashing Team!

Any or Every Thursday, 1:00 - 2:00 PM, 88th Street, Kitchen: We desperately need a group of 5-6 people to help us with clean-up at the BJ Lunch Program. No experience is necessary; we will train you on the job. This is your chance to refine your dishwashing skills (something we know you've always wanted to do!) and join one of the most exciting and dynamic groups in the BJ community. As an exciting bonus, you will learn about BJ's own specially patented clean-up formula. To volunteer, please contact Amanda Silver at asilver@bj.org or x259.

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.

This Week In Israel's History

On May 24, 1991 the silence of Shabbat was broken as plane after plane flew over the city of Eilat on the day of rest when Israeli aircraft do not normally take to the air. The people of Eilat looked skyward to see and hear a convoy of planes headed for Ben-Gurion Airport. The Ethiopian Jews were coming home. The 36-hour airlift, dubbed "Operation Solomon," was underway.

Ethiopian Jewry had been disconnected from the rest of the Jewish world for centuries. Centered in rural areas, plagued with drought, hunger, political revolution and anti-semitism, they nonetheless maintained their Judaism. Now, in the wake of political upheaval, the leader of Ethiopia, Mangisto, accepted millions of dollars raised in the U.S. and Israel in exchange for allowing these Jews to leave.

The secret operation was conducted with blazing speed. Airplanes were loaded with as many passengers as possible. Over the course of one Shabbat, 14,400 Ethiopian Jews were rescued by the Jewish state and reunited with the rest of the Jewish world. The exodus of Ethiopian Jewry to Israel was the only time in modern history that black Africans were brought out of Africa to freedom.

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