



Parashat Behukotai

**PARASHAT BEMIDBAR
MEVARKHIM HAHOODESH**

TORAH

ANNUAL Numbers 1:1 - 4:20
TRIENNIAL Numbers 2:1 - 3:13
HAFTARAH: I Samuel 20:18 - 42

NEXT WEEK:

FIRST DAY SHAVUOT

TORAH: Exodus 19:1 - 20:23
MAFTIR: Numbers 28:26 - 31
HAFTARAH: Ezekiel 1:1 - 28, 3:12

**SHABBAT AND SECOND DAY SHAVUOT
YIZKOR**

TORAH: Deuteronomy 14:22 - 16:17
MAFTIR: Numbers 28:26 - 31
HAFTARAH: Habakuk 3:1 - 19

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, RAIN OR SHINE!

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 30 - June 6, 2003

28 Iyyar - 6 Sivan, 5763

FRIDAY, MAY 30

Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Latin American Shabbat Dinner
Professor Ilan Stavans
Singles Oneg
Omer 44 Gevurah shebeMalkhut

6:00 PM – 88th St.
6:45 PM – 86th St.
7:30 PM – 88th St., Frankel Hall
8:30 PM – 86th St., Social Hall
Evening

SATURDAY, MAY 31

Shabbat Service
ASL Interpreted
Bat Mitzvah
Bat Mitzvah
Children's Service
Mevarkhim HaHodesh Kiddush and Learning
Omer 45 TiferetshebeMalkhut

9:30 AM – 86th St.
Abigail Lofchie
Hannah Schultz
10:45 AM – 86th St.
12:30 PM – 86th St., Social Hall
Evening

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

Morning Minyan
Omer 46 Netzah shebeMalkhut

ROSH HODESH SIVAN

9:30 AM – 88th St.
Evening

MONDAY, JUNE 2

Morning Minyan
Rosh Hodesh Women's Group
Omer 47 Hod shebeMalkhut

7:30 AM – 88th St.
7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
Evening

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

Morning Minyan
Omer 48 Yesod shebeMalkhut

7:30 AM – 88th St.
Evening

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

Morning Minyan
Kesharim
Rosh Hodesh Girls' Group
Omer 49 Malkhut shebeMalkhut

7:30 AM – 88th St.
2:00 PM – Field Trip
7:00 PM – 89th St. Conference Room
Evening

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Morning Minyan
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program
Shavuot Service
Tikkun Leil Shavuot
Amichai Lau-Lavie, StorahTelling
Peter Geffen
All-Night Torah Learning

EREV SHAVUOT

7:30 AM – 88th St.
12:00 PM – 88th St., Frankel Hall
8:15 PM – 88th St.
9:30 PM – 88th St.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

1st Day Shavuot Service
1st Day Shavuot Service
1st Day Shavuot Children's Service
Shavuot Picnic
Shabbat & 2nd Evening Shavuot Service
Shabbat & 2nd Evening ShavuotService

FIRST DAY SHAVUOT (Office Closed)

Sunrise – Riverside Park at 90th Street
10:00 AM – 88th St.
11:15 AM – 88th St., Frankel Hall
12:30 PM - Riverside Park
6:00 PM – 88th St.
6:45 PM – 86th St.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAHM

The Community Of B'nai Jeshurun Mourns The Death Of Our Beloved Member, **Morris Holtzer** and extends sincere condolences to his wife, Selma and their entire family.

The Community Of B'nai Jeshurun Extends Sincere Condolences To Harvey, Alexandra and Lindsey Newman, Stephanie Kalish Newman and their family on the death of Harvey's beloved mother, Billie Newman.

Mazal Tov To The Following Members And Their Families:

- Abigail, Steven and Rebecca Lofchie and Sarah Fox on Abigail becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Hannah, Jeffrey and Eric Schultz and Judith Levin on Hannah becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Jonathan, Lisa and Jacob Buksbaum on Jonathan becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Rabbi Robyn, Mark, Isabel, Kobi and Emanuela Tsesarsky on the birth of their son and brother.
- Elizabeth and Michael Scafidi and Susan Green on the birth of their son and grandson Samuel Isaac Scafidi.

This Week's Kiddush Is Sponsored in Conjunction With Mevarkhim HaHodesh by Havurah #14: Ed Miller, Bena Green, Arthur and Susan Elefant, Isaac and Bonnie Geld, Ivan and Susan Rosenblum, Sonny Greenwald and Arian West.

Flowers For The Bimah This Week Are Co-Sponsored By Steven Lofchie and Sarah Fox in honor of their daughter Abigail becoming a Bat Mitzvah, and Jeffrey Schultz and Judith Levin on their daughter Hannah becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

Monday, June 2, 7:00 PM, at 88th Street: Join Rabbis Felicia Sol and Rachel Gartner to welcome the new moon on this holiday traditionally associated with women. We will sing, pray, and study together. Please bring something light and kosher/vegetarian to

JUNE SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, 6/6, 2nd Night Shavuot Service <i>ASL Interpreted</i>	6:00 PM – 88th St.
Friday, 6/6, 2nd Night Shavuot Service	6:45 PM – 86th St.
Sat., 6/7, Shabbat & 2nd Day Shavuot Svc. <i>Yizkor</i>	9:30 AM – 86th St.
Regular Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service <i>ASL Interpreted - June 20</i>	6:00 PM – 88th St.
Regular Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:45 PM – 86th St.
Friday Night Switches to Single Service <i>June 27</i>	7:00 PM – 88th St.

contribute for se'udah shlishit (the third meal). Registration is not required. For more info, call Rabbi Sol at x222.

•BJ Shavuot Observance

•1st Evening Service, Thursday, June 5, 8:15 PM, 88th Street:

After services, we will continue with the traditional Tikkun Leil Shavuot, a night of communal study. Amichai Lau-Lavie will lead a Storahelling 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 Sh^{ah}arit 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 at 90th St. in Riverside Park. Please bring your lunch; drinks will be provided.

•2nd Day Service, Saturday, June 7, 9:30 AM, 86th Street

•Children's Services, 10:45 AM, 86th Street, Chapel.

CANCELLED:

Shavuot Holiday Class scheduled for this Sunday evening, June 1.

LIMUD/LEARNING

CLASSES

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

•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

•BJ's 11th Annual Congregational Retreat Is Coming Up 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. Send registration forms and payment in full to the BJ office. Forms are available at the office or online at www.bj.org. Please sign up soon, as the retreat is filling up quickly! For info, call Anne Kohn at x240.

•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: The Center for Jewish Women's & Gender Studies 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; underwritten tickets are available. For info, call Kolot at (215) 576-0800, x149.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES: Linking the Past to the Future

We are again offering the members of BJ the opportunity to make a special contribution in memory of a loved one, and have their name inscribed on the black granite plaques at the back of the 88th Street Sanctuary. If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one in this way, please send the name along with a \$1,400 donation per name to B'nai Jeshurun, Attention: Deborah Pinsky by August 1. If you are memorializing a couple, the donation amount is \$2,000, providing that the names total fewer than 32 characters including spaces. The names will be inscribed before the High Holy Days and a ceremony in their memory will take place in January. Please call x254 with any questions and see the insert form in the June issue of Kol Hadash.

•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.

•Film: "Legado: The Story Of The Jewish Gauchos"

Wednesday, June 18, 7:00 PM, 88th Street: BJ's Latin America Committee, in cooperation with the International Raoul Wallenberg Foundation, is pleased to present "Legado" (Legacy). This film chronicles the lives of Argentina's first Jewish immigrants, who arrived from Russia in 1889. They created farming communities and became known as the Gauchos Judíos (Jewish Gauchos). In Spanish and Yiddish with English subtitles. Admission is free and reservations are not required. For further information or to join our email list, please call x371 or email BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com.

•BJ Book Group Summer Meeting

Tuesday, July 22, 7:00 PM, 88th Street Sanctuary: We've decided to have a summer meeting this year, and our book will be "Everything is Illuminated" by Jonathan Safran Foer, newly published in paperback. We look forward to seeing you.

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.

•Singles: Come Join The BJ Build Team For Habitat for Humanity

Sunday, June 29, 8:00 AM – 5:00PM: Have you ever wanted to build a house? Now is your chance. Join the BJ Singles to be a part of the BJ Habitat for Humanity Build Team. We will work for the day at a new East 150th Street Habitat site in the Bronx. No construction experience is necessary. To volunteer, please email Amanda Silver at asilver@bj.org or call x259 and leave your email address and phone number. If you have a car and can participate in a car pool, let us know. An email will be sent to you with full transportation and other details. If you have no email, you will receive a phone call. RSVP by Monday, June 16.

•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.

FAMILY LIFE**•7th and 8th Grade Girls' Rosh Hodesh Group**

Wednesday, June 4, 7:00 PM, BJ Office at 100A W. 89th Street: We hope you'll join us for an end-of-year celebration. We will meet at the office and go together to Central Park. All girls in 7th and 8th grades are welcome. To RSVP, please call Kim at x368.

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, x242 for more info.

Join The BJ Team For The Race/Walk For The Cure

Registration begins in June for the September 14 walk in Central Park: We need community support to raise funds and consciousness to combat and someday eliminate breast cancer. Men are also welcome, so that families and friends can show their support together. For more info, please contact Glenda Frank at (212) 749-0160 or glfrank@erols.com.

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.

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.

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.

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.

This Week In Israel's History

Late in May 1953, a hushed silence fell over the usually volatile and tumultuous Knesset (Israeli Parliament), as all 120 members rose and stood together in a moment of silence. The Knesset had unanimously passed a law establishing a national memorial for Holocaust martyrs and resistance fighters. The memorial would be called "Yad Vashem." The name "Yad Vashem" (a memorial and a name) was taken from the Book of Isaiah 56:5 - "In my house I will give them a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters, an everlasting name which shall not perish."

By the 1950s, Israel had not yet come to terms with the Holocaust. The new Jew emerging in the State was too focused on the country's survival to dwell on what happened to European Jewry. This new Israeli had to appear strong to survive hardships. Israel was now an empowered Jewish community beset with problems, including building an infrastructure, feeding its people and military survival. But with all of Israel's struggles, its leaders sought to build a country according to Jewish values. To affirm these values Yad Vashem was built, not only as a memorial for the martyred, but also as a place of honor for the people who acted for good in the face of a terrible evil.

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