



## TAZRIA-METZORA

ANNUAL: Leviticus 12:1 - 15:33  
 MAFTIR: Leviticus 14:33 - 15:33  
 HAFTARAH: II Kings 7:3-20

NEXT WEEK: AHAREI MOT-KEDOSHIM

ANNUAL: Leviticus 16:1 - 20:27  
 MAFTIR: Leviticus 19:15 - 20:27  
 HAFTARAH: Amos 9:7-15

Social Justice Opportunity  
of the Week

## Spring Blood Drive

**Wednesday, May 5**, 5-8:30 PM, 88th St.:  
 Bring a friend, a colleague, people who sit near you in services whom you've been wanting to meet and SAVE A LIFE. To sign up, call x373 and leave your name, phone number and best time for you. Either Trudi Levine or Sharon Messitte will return your call. Or, email [bjblood2004@yahoo.com](mailto:bjblood2004@yahoo.com). Donors must be in good health between the ages of 17 and 75 (inclusive), and weigh at least 110 pounds. You must bring a photo ID with you to the blood drive. Nutritional and supplemental suggestions to ensure your ability to donate are listed on the BJ website and will be available at the back of the synagogue. For more information, visit [www.nybloodcenter.org](http://www.nybloodcenter.org).

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## April 23 - April 30, 2004

## 3 Iyyar - 9 Iyyar 5764

FRIDAY, APRIL 23 Kabbalat Shabbat Service Kabbalat Shabbat Service	18TH NIGHT OMER; NETZAH SHEBETIFERET 6:00 PM – 88th St. 6:45 PM – 86th St.
SATURDAY, APRIL 24 Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah Bat Mitzvah Children's Service	18TH DAY OMER; NETZAH SHEBETIFERET 9:30 AM – 86th St. Gabrielle Baum Jillian Roffer 10:45 AM – 86th St.
SUNDAY, APRIL 25 Morning Minyan Young Judaea Meetings (p. 3)	19TH DAY OMER; HOD SHEBETIFERET 9:30 AM – 88th St. 1:00 PM, 3:00 PM – 88th St.
MONDAY, APRIL 26 Morning Minyan Family Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration (p. 3) Yom Ha'Atzmaut Seder (p. 2)	20TH DAY OMER; YESOD SHEBETIFERET YOM HAZIKARON 7:30 AM – 88th St. 5:00 PM – 88th St. 6:45 PM – 88th St.
TUESDAY, APRIL 27 Morning Minyan Gesher and 8th Grade Class: Creating a Space for the Contemplative, Rabbi Bronstein	21ST DAY OMER; MALKHUT SHEBETIFERET YOM HA'ATZMAUT, BJ OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 AM – 88th St. 5:00 PM – BJ Office 6:00 PM – 88th St.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28 Morning Minyan Kesharim Introductory B'nai Mitzvah Celebration (p. 3)	22ND DAY OMER; HESED SHEBENETZAH 7:30 AM – 88th St. 2:00 PM – 88th St. 7:00 PM – 88th St.
THURSDAY, APRIL 29 Morning Minyan Judith Bernstein Lunch Program Career Workshop with Eileen Sharaga (p. 3) Class: Parashat HaShavua, Kliel Rose Wrestling With Zion (p. 2)	23RD DAY OMER; GEVURAH SHEBENETZAH 7:30 AM – 88th St. 12:00 PM – 88th St. 6:30 PM – 86th St. 7:00 PM – 86th St. 8:00 PM – 88th St.
FRIDAY, APRIL 30 Morning Minyan	24TH DAY OMER; TIFERET SHEBENETZAH 7:30 AM – 88th St.

## • Silent Art Auction At BJ

You have a unique opportunity to benefit Congregation B'nai Jeshurun by participating in a silent auction of works of art created exclusively for our community and donated by professional artist and BJ member Pamela Prichett. These original pieces – which appear in *P'nei Shabbat*, the *Children's Siddur*, our *With Every Breath* CD, and the *Zimrat Yah* – have enriched our imaginations through marvelous images of Shabbat song, dance, and prayer that capture our vibrant Jewish life at BJ. View the art and peruse the catalogue information at 88th St. in Frankel Hall or on the web at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) and enter your name, phone number and bid for the works of art that interest you.

## Announcements

### Hamakom Yenahem

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to the following members and their families:

- Rebekah Bergman on the death of her beloved grandfather, Frederic Egerer.
- Lynn Povich, Stephen, Sara and Edward Shepherd and Maury and Matthew Povich and Connie Chung Povich on the death of Lynn's and Maury's beloved mother, Ethyl Friedman Povich.
- David and Nathan Gold on the death of David's beloved mother, Deena Gold.
- Estare and David Weiser on the death of Estare's beloved father, Abraham Kurz.

### mazal tov

- To the following members and their families:
- Gabrielle, Simeon and Sabrina Baum and Dorothea Cohen on Gabrielle becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
  - Jillian, Michael and Benjamin Roffer and Susan Lerner on Jillian becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
  - Pamela, Marc, Jacob and Zachary Intrater on the birth of their daughter and sister, Isabel Sara Intrater.
  - Linda and Harry Macklowe on the engagement of their son, Billy Macklowe, to Julie Lerner.

### brukhim haba-im

- Dr. Marc Safran and Confirmation Class, Temple Society of Concord, Syracuse, New York.
- Rabbi Arthur and Mrs. Leslie Nemitoff and Confirmation Class, Congregation B'nai Jehudah, Overland Park, Kansas.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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#### • Shabbat B'Yahad with Ruth Calderon

**May 14:** 88th St., Frankel Hall: Join us for a catered Shabbat dinner with Ruth Calderon, founder and head of Alma College (1996), a center for advanced studies focusing on the study of Hebrew Culture. She is the author of *The Market, The Home, The Heart* – a book offering a personal homiletic reading of Talmudic legends (2001). She has created and hosted TV shows that deal with classic and modern Hebrew texts. In 1989, she founded and headed "Elul" Bet Midrash (Seminar), which had the unique distinction of offering Jewish studies on the basis of equality for men and women, religious and non-religious students. She received the prestigious Avichai Prize in 1997, in recognition of her contribution to the propagation of the legacy of Israel. Cost: \$25/Mem; \$35/Non. TO REGISTER: Call x304 and follow instructions. To Submit Payment: go to [www.BJ.org](http://www.BJ.org) OR send a check made out to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. In memo section of the check write "SBY 3/26/04". Mail check to: Attn: Michael, at office address below. Please include a phone number. Deadline: **May 7**. If space is available, add a \$10 late fee for reservations received after the deadline.

### Community Activities

#### • Yom Ha'Atzmaut Seder

**Monday, April 26,** 6:45 PM, 88th St. Sanctuary: In celebration of Israel's 56th anniversary, join us for a Yom Ha'Atzmaut Seder.

#### • Wrestling With Zion

**Thursday, April 29,** 8:00 PM, 88th St.: In conjunction with Yom Ha'Atzmaut, please join us for a most important gathering addressing the history of Jewish progressive engagement with Zionism, featuring prominent contributors from the acclaimed book, *Wrestling with Zion: Progressive Jewish-American Responses to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*, edited by Tony Kushner and Alisa Solomon. The program will feature a reading and panel discussion with BJ members Alisa Solomon, Letty Cottin Pogrebin, Grace Paley, and Esther Broner. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase.

#### • BJ Community Catered Shabbat Dinner

**Friday, April 30,** after early service, 88th St., Frankel Hall: Extend the joy of Kabbalat Shabbat into the evening at Hakhnasat Orhim's Community Catered Shabbat Dinner. Celebrate our community with a lot of song, a little study, wonderful friends and time for shmoozing. Cost: \$35 members/\$45 non-members. To register, call x351. To submit payment: Pay online or send a check made out to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. In memo section, write "HO 4/30/04". Mail check to: Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, at the BJ office below, Attn: Carol. Please include your phone number.

**Saturday, May 1:** Join in celebrating B'nai Jeshurun's 1,173 volunteers and wishing Linda Specht, our Director of Education (Youth and Family), a fond farewell, at a special kiddush at the 88th St. Sanctuary after services at 86th Street. A study with Rabbi Matalon will follow downstairs in Frankel Hall.

#### • BJ Book Group

The Book Group will meet on **Sunday, May 2** at 7 PM on 88th Street to discuss *Setting Fires*, a novel by BJ member Kate Wenner. The novel is a deeply felt, compelling story about fathers and daughters, spiritual yearning and ancestral memory, fires and teshuvah. The book is inspired, in part, by Wenner's own story, including her involvement at BJ. Wenner will be joining the group for the discussion.

#### • Interfaith conference – "Naming Evil: An Interfaith Dialogue"

**May 2-4,** Trinity Church/Wall Street: This program will include Socratic dialogue, interfaith worship and lectures by Kofi Annan and renowned scholars Michael Sandel, Jon Levenson, Seyyed Hossein Nasr, and Joan Chittister. For more information, visit [www.trininst.org](http://www.trininst.org) (and mention BJ Interfaith Committee to register for a reduced \$50 fee).

#### • Save the Dates for BJ Retreats!

Join us on: **May 7-9: Women's Retreat at Elat Chayyim in Accord, NY.** Info can be found at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) or in the Kol Hadash.

**June 4-6: Community Retreat.** Block & Hexter Vacation Center, Poyntelle, Pennsylvania. Join us for our 12th annual congregational community retreat. Look for registration forms in the mail, at the BJ office and on line at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) shortly. Please register early, as the retreat fills up quickly! For more information, call Anne Kohn at x240.

#### • New Israel Fund to Honor Members of BJ Community

Rabbi Roly Matalon and four other members of the BJ community – Rabbi Rachel Cowan, Barbara Dobkin, Sally Gottesman, and Paula Rackoff – will be honored at the New Israel Fund's 25th Anniversary Dinner at The Pierre Hotel on **Monday, May 10.** President Bill Clinton will be the keynote speaker. To pay tribute to BJ honorees or for info or to make a donation, contact the New Israel Fund at [www.nif.org](http://www.nif.org).

#### • BJ Goes to the Salute to Israel Parade

**Sunday, May 23:** Travel to Israel is this year's parade theme and BJ's slogan is "WE CARE, WE'RE THERE!" Come dressed as tourists and help carry our BJ banner and flags. Please register to march with us at x254 or [dpinsky@bj.org](mailto:dpinsky@bj.org). Specific start time and location to meet will be announced soon.

## singles

• **PLEASE NOTE:** Due to construction at The Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew, there will be no Singles Oneg this Friday, April 23, and no other Singles Onegs until further notice.

## • Career Workshop with Eileen Sharaga

**Thursday, April 29**, 86th St., 6:30-8:30 PM: *Re-Evaluating Your Career Options* – Whether you need to re-invent your old career or begin a new one, this workshop will help you explore new career options, transfer your skills to new industries and develop a focused resume. Eileen Sharaga is a career development specialist and has had multiple careers spanning 6 industries. Having a psychological and business background, she provides a unique perspective into navigating today's complex career issues. Currently a career counselor/coach, she brings over 20 years of career consulting experience to the task of helping people choose, change and advance their careers. Please RSVP to Michael at x260 or email [mkelberg@bj.org](mailto:mkelberg@bj.org) by **April 27**. Light refreshments served. Cost: \$5.

## • Date Bait

**Sunday, May 2**, 6:30-9:30 PM, 88th St.: Your favorite singles' event is back! Introduce yourself, mingle, list the people you want to date and let the "Date Bait" facilitators and their computers tally up your matches and then it's time to make your dates. TO REGISTER: Go to [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) or register with a credit card by calling Michael at x260. Checks can be sent to the BJ office marked "Singles Date Bait, 5/2," but you must confirm check was received with Michael to be registered. COST: \$20/mem; \$30/non-mem. DEADLINE: **April 29**. \$40 at the door if space is available. For info, call Date Bait at 212-971-1084 or Michael at x260.

## hebrew school and family life

• **PLEASE NOTE:** The April 23 Kitah Zayin Dinner has been CANCELLED.

## • Young Judaea Meetings

The April club meetings for Young Judaea will take place on **Sunday, April 25**. Ofarim, for children in grades 2, 3 and 4, will meet at 1 PM. Tsofim, for children in grades 5, 6, and 7, will meet at 3 PM. Both meetings are at 88th St., downstairs at Frankel Hall.

## • Family Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration

**Monday, April 26**, 5 PM, 88th St., Frankel Hall: Join us for singing, dancing, and fun family activities to celebrate Israel's birthday. Israeli snacks will be served.

## • Introductory Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meeting

**Wednesday, April 28**, 7 PM, 88th St.: Parents of children born between 9/93 and 12/94 are invited to a first meeting about bar/bat mitzvah. Please RSVP to Arlene at [abrandon@bj.org](mailto:abrandon@bj.org) or x223.

## • Sixth Grade Family Havdalah

Please save the date – **Saturday, May 1**, 7:30-8:45 PM – for the Sixth Grade Family Havdalah program! Join us for an evening of study and blessing in BJ's synagogue on 88th Street. RSVP to Rebekah at [rbergman@bj.org](mailto:rbergman@bj.org) or x228 by **April 28**.

• **Save the dates:** Kitah Bet Simhat Talmud Torah Dinner & Kiddush **Friday Night, May 14:** Join us for Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 6 PM at 88th St., followed by dinner at the 86th Street Chapel at SPSA. **Saturday Morning, May 15:** Come to the 9:30 AM service at 86th St. Your children will give a special Simhat Talmud Torah presentation, followed by kiddush in the Chapel. \$25 adults, \$20 children. To register, send in a check to B'nai Jeshurun Hebrew School, at our BJ office. For info, contact Dalya at x241 or [dlevy@bj.org](mailto:dlevy@bj.org).

## • Parent Meetings about Education

We hope you received the letter about the opportunities to meet with Hollis Gauss, soon-to-be Director of Education (Youth & Family). All meetings are at 7 PM, and will end by 8:30 PM. Please check your letter or the website for dates.

## Social Action/Social Justice

## • Get Dirty With Us! Riverside Park Volunteer Day

**Sunday, May 2**, Riverside Park, Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Riverside and 89th, 9:30 AM - 1 PM: Help BJ give back to the community. Celebrate spring and Earth Day by helping keep Riverside Park beautiful! Join us at 9:30 for juice and bagels and a Jewish Environmental teaching. At 10 we will depart for our work site. Activities to be determined based on what the park needs – could include painting, planting, cleaning. Be prepared to get dirty – wear old clothes. Sponsored by the Environmental Action Hevra. RSVP: Cal David Kantor at 347-886-2296.

## • Taking Action: Coffee, the Environment, and Worker's Rights

As a part of the Panim el Panim Social Justice Initiative, our Environmental Action Hevra will launch its Fair Trade Coffee Campaign **Saturday, May 1!** Join us to welcome and learn from Tadesse Meskela a coffee farmer from Ethiopia, who will be speaking briefly at Shabbat services on May 1 to discuss how we can make a difference by purchasing fair trade coffee. Tadesse will speak after services in the SPSA Board Room as well. Questions? Contact the Environmental Action Hevra at x310.

## • NYC Mother's Day Walk and Rally

**Sunday, May 9**, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM: Take part in a walk from SOHO to Union Square to help mothers all over America take charge, protect all children and find peaceful resolutions to conflict. Mothers Acting Up groups bring Julia Ward Howe's vision of mothers taking charge and protecting our children to our time; the parade's theme is Voting for the Rights of our Children and All Children, 2004 and Beyond. This lively walk will feature performers on stilts donning colorful clothing, led by parade organizer and piper, BJ member Dr. Eileen Kalaa Ain. If you would like to volunteer to support this event, call 917-318-9095 or e-mail Kalaa at [nyc@mothersactingup.org](mailto:nyc@mothersactingup.org). We are also looking for the right logo/design to represent our parade. Please call if you would like to help us create it! For complete info, visit [www.mothersactingup.org](http://www.mothersactingup.org).

## • Ending Chronic Homelessness: 20th Annual Interfaith Convocation and Overnight City Budget Vigil

**Thursday, May 13**, 7 PM, Trinity Church (Broadway at Wall Street): Join Rabbi Matalon and volunteers from the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter to raise awareness of the need for housing and services for the homeless. Our goal is to send at least 20 volunteers to this important rally! To sign up contact Robert Imershein at [rimershein@capstarny.com](mailto:rimershein@capstarny.com) or x340.

## • AIDS Walk 2004: Volunteers and Participants Needed

**Sunday, May 16: Save the Date!** With the walk only three weeks away, *participants* are needed to register: On the web at [www.aidswalk.net/newyork](http://www.aidswalk.net/newyork) (please make sure to register as part of Team #1017 listed in the drop down menu as Congregation B'nai Jeshurun), by mail (pick up a registration form at the rear of either sanctuary), or by telephone (x384 – leave your name, address and telephone number). *Volunteers* are needed to underwrite or donate BJ Team Shirts and to underwrite or donate bagels & juice. If anyone interested in donating money to the Israel Aids Task Force, please make out a check to Cong. B'nai Jeshurun and indicate IATF in the memo space. For further info, please contact chairs Loren Brenowitz and Elliot Davis at x384 or at [BJAwny@bj.org](mailto:BJAwny@bj.org).

• **WANTED: People Who Love To Knit And Crochet, for the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program**

This winter we distributed 150 holiday gift packages for our lunch program guests. Each package included a warm hat, scarf, or gloves, many hand-made and contributed by BJ members and friends. We want to do even better this year! If you like to knit or crochet, we hope you'll make hats and scarves for our holiday packages. For info, contact Susan at x338 or sssamuels@aol.com. Bring finished items to the BJ Office, c/o Judith Bernstein Lunch Program.

• **"TekiYah," BJ's latest CD and Songbook, are now available!**

We've just launched our newest CD and songbook, "TekiYah: Echoes of the High Holy Days at BJ"! Cost: \$18 each. Our Pesah CD, "HaLailah Hazeh," and the Pesah songbook, are also available now, for \$18 each. Buy online at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org), or drop by the office between 9:00 and 4:30, Monday to Thursday, and until 2:30 on Friday.

• **BJ is looking for experienced grant writers** to help us with foundation applications. Contact Deborah Pinsky at x254 or [dpinsky@bj.org](mailto:dpinsky@bj.org).

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Kol Jeshurun Layout and Editing: David Ebenbach

**WELCOME TO B'NAI JESHURUN!** If you are unfamiliar with our services, see our "Welcome to BJ" brochure at the back of the sanctuary, or ask an usher.

• **Membership at B'nai Jeshurun:** Are you considering joining BJ? Would you like information about becoming a member? BJ is also pleased that visitors choose to connect with us when they are in town. Why don't you consider joining our community as a BJ Friend? Contact Membership Director Belinda Lasky at x224 or [blasky@bj.org](mailto:blasky@bj.org).

• **A Note from the Ushers:** For those at 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 ask that men wear kippot upon entering the sanctuary and during services. We do not allow food in the sanctuary. So that we may prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before the services begin.

*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 Jessica Zimmerman, x253 or Rabbi Meir Feldman, x264.*

## D'var Tefillah

*Od lo avdah tikvateinu... Our hope is not lost...*

These powerful words from *Hatikvah* remind us that our prayers for a Jerusalem of peace are ever-present. Through the difficulties of Jewish history, our people has always had hope of creating and sustaining a free and meaningful Israel. We celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut with hope for the future.

– Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman

## Summer Programs in Israel

### Part I: Ethical Dilemmas in the Renewed State of Israel: An introspective look at Israeli Society – Summer Study in Jerusalem

**Friday July 2 - Thursday, July 8:** Experience a unique learning seminar in Jerusalem with Rabbi Matalon and BJ members, as well as members of Lincoln Square Synagogue, the Society for the Advancement of Judaism and members of the JCC community. This summer, our study at Kolot, a pluralistic study center in Jerusalem, near the German Colony, will focus on examining the ways Israeli society defines itself in relation to the enemy, copes with societal fears and needs for protection, and deals with internal factionalism and class issues. Methodology for investigation will include primary and secondary source materials focusing on Jewish history, Jewish legal texts and modern sociological theories as well as various tours that will also lend to our findings. Among the teachers will be Rabbis Moti Bar-Or and Shlomo Fox, Professors Uriel Simon, Rachel Elijor, Amnon Rubenstein and others. The trip includes important site visits. \$1,495 + airfare (fee covers dbl occupancy, study, hotel and some meals).

### Part II: Women's Retreat at Hamidrasha, Israel

**Thursday, July 8 - Monday, July 12** (Open to BJ member women only): Join Rabbi Sol in connecting with our friends at Hamidrasha and their work in Israel. The trip includes home hospitality except for Shabbat, which will be spent with the women of Hamidrasha at a retreat center in Northern Israel. Cost: approximately \$300 plus airfare.

**Registration** is available for Part I, Part II or for both parts. Applications will be available at the BJ office and on-line at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) shortly. For more information, call Anne at x240.

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