



**BEHAR-BEHUKOTAI**

**ANNUAL:** Leviticus 25:1 - 27:34  
**MAFTIR:** Leviticus 27:1 - 27:34  
**HAFTARAH:** Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:14

**NEXT WEEK: BEMIDBAR**

**ANNUAL:** Numbers 1:1 - 4:20  
**MAFTIR:** Numbers 3:14 - 4:20  
**HAFTARAH:** Hosea 2:1-22

**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY  
 OF THE WEEK**

**AIDS Walk NY 2004 (AWNY 2004)  
 "WE WILL PRAY WITH OUR FEET"**

**Sunday, May 16**  
 7:30 AM in Central Park  
 Help Unfurl the *Aids Memorial Quilt*

On **Sunday, May 16**, the combined BJ/Tehillah Awny 2004 Team will meet at Bethesda Fountain in Central Park at 7:30 AM. BJ has been given the honor of helping unfurl the AIDS Memorial Quilt, after which we will join with our Rabbis in a pre-walk prayer service.

BJ members and non-members who are not registered by the day of the walk may register following services at the BJ/Tehillah table in the Gold Team Registration area.

See Attached Flyer for Timetable and Instructions; a map is available separately at the back of the sanctuary.

**RABBI**  
 Marshall T. Meyer (1985-1993)  
 J. Rolando Matalon • Marcelo R. Bronstein • Felicia L. Sol  
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 Ari Priven  
**MARSHALL T. MEYER RABBINIC FELLOWS**  
 Rabbi Meir Feldman • Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman • Kliel Rose

**May 14 - May 21, 2004**

**24 Iyar - 1 Sivan 5764**

<b>FRIDAY, MAY 14</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service (ASL interpreted) Kabbalat Shabbat Service Shabbat B'Yahad Dinner with Ruth Calderon (p. 2) Kitah Bet Simhat Talmud Torah Dinner (p. 3)	<b>39TH NIGHT OMER; NETZAH SHEBEYESOD</b> 6:00 PM – 88th St. 6:45 PM – 86th St. after early service – 88th St. after early service – 86th St.
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 15</b> Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah Bar Mitzvah D'var Torah  Children's Service Kitah Bet Simhat Talmud Torah Kiddush (p. 3) Study Session with Ruth Calderon (p. 2)	<b>39TH DAY OMER; NETZAH SHEBEYESOD</b> 9:30 AM – 86th St. Ashley Glazer Adam Diamond Ruth Calderon, founder and director of Alma College, Tel-Aviv 10:45 AM – 86th St. 12:30 PM – 86th St. 5:30 PM – 88th St.
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 16</b> AIDS Walk NY 2004: Pre-walk Service (p. 1) Morning Minyan	<b>40TH DAY OMER; HOD SHEBEYESOD</b> 7:30 AM – Bethesda Fountain, Central Park 9:30 AM – 88th St.
<b>MONDAY, MAY 17</b> Morning Minyan Renee Kaufman Memorial Program, "Mayor of the West Side" (p. 2) Class: Introduction to Judaism, Rabbi Zimmerman Class: Ya'akov Became Yisrael, Rabbi Feldman	<b>41ST DAY OMER; YESOD SHEBEYESOD</b> 7:30 AM – 88th St.  7:00 PM – 88th St. 7:00 PM – 86th St. 7:00 PM – 86th St.
<b>TUESDAY, MAY 18</b> Morning Minyan Gesher and 8th Grade	<b>42ND DAY OMER; MALKHUT SHEBEYESOD</b> 7:30 AM – 88th St. 5:00 PM – BJ Office
<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 19</b> Morning Minyan Kesharim	<b>43RD DAY OMER; HESD SHEBEMALKHUT</b> 7:30 AM – 88th St. 2:00 PM – 88th St.
<b>THURSDAY, MAY 20</b> Morning Minyan Judith Bernstein Lunch Program Rosh Hodesh Women's Group with Carol Rose (p. 2)	<b>44TH DAY OMER; GEVURAH SHEBEMALKHUT</b> 7:30 AM – 88th St. 12:00 PM – 88th St. 7:00 PM – 88th St.
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 21</b> Morning Minyan	<b>45TH DAY OMER; TIFERET SHEBEMALKHUT;                      ROSH HODESH SIVAN</b> 7:30 AM – 88th St.

**SHAVUOT AT BJ**

Our celebration of Shavuot on **Tuesday evening, May 25**, begins with a service at 8:30 PM at 88th St., followed by a tikkun from 9 PM-midnight. The learning, led by our rabbis, will be on "*Kol Dodi Hine Ze Ba*. Here Comes the Voice of my Beloved." At midnight we will walk together to the JCC (Amsterdam & 76th), to join many of the other Upper West Side synagogues and the JCC as one community to celebrate *Zman Matan Torateinu* – the time of the giving of the Torah. The tradition of *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*, all night study, is expanded in a program conceived by Israeli teacher Ruth Calderon. Choose from film, music and dance performances, or Bible, literature and philosophy workshops, under one roof, all night long. You decide which of five simultaneous programs you wish to attend. For more info, visit [www.tikkunNY.org](http://www.tikkunNY.org) At 5 AM we will return to 88th St. for a Torah scroll, siddurim and tallitot and proceed to a sunrise service at 5:30 AM in Riverside Park (promenade at 90th St). Or you can join us at BJ for the morning service at 10 AM (10:45 AM for children). A picnic will follow at Riverside Park at the conclusion of morning services. Second night services will take place at 8:30 PM at 88th St., and second day services, with Yizkor, will be at 88th Street – 9:30 AM for adults, 10:45 AM for children.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAMAKOM YENAH'EM

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

- Tony, Vivienne, Oliver and Annabel Fisher on the death of Tony's beloved father, Sidney Fisher.
- Edward Miller and Bena Green, Stephanie, Marshall and Emery Jacobowitz on the death of Ed's beloved mother, Jean Miller.

### BRUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Bruce Diamond and Confirmation students, Temple Beth El, Fort Myers, Florida.
- Larry Rosen and 10th grade students, Congregation Or Ami, Richmond, Virginia.
- Rabbi Erik Stark and Confirmation Class, Temple Oheb Shalom, Baltimore, Maryland.

### MAZAL TOV

 To the following members and their families:

- Ashley, Howard, Doreen and Harley Glazer on Ashley becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Adam and Pamela Diamond on Adam becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- David, Barry, Hayley and Andrew Berson and Roni Rubenstein on David becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Rae and Michael Winderbaum on the birth of their grandson, Ezra Holden Mancini.
- Dova Marder and Stephen Friedgood on the birth of their son, Matan Rick Marder Friedgood.
- Paula Feig and Brahm Siegel on their upcoming wedding.
- Noah Hoffeld on the release of his CD, *Noah Hoffeld*.

**Todah Rabbah** to Trudi Levine and Sharon Messitte, Co-Chairs of the BJ Spring Blood Drive, and the 60 donors that came out to help save lives on May 5.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### LIMUD

#### • 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, 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. Walk-ins, if space available, for \$35/Mem; \$45/Non, to be paid after Shabbat. She will also be delivering the D'var Torah at our **Saturday, May 15**, morning services, and doing a text study that afternoon at 5:30 PM, at 88th St.

#### • Rosh Hodesh Women's Group with Carol Rose

**Thursday, May 20**, at 7 PM, 88th St.: Join special teacher Carol Rose for Rosh Hodesh Sivan. "Images are our first language and they speak to us all the time." Some of our most powerful images come from our tradition...Egypt, Sinai, and the many journeys in-between. Each month (Rosh Hodesh), we have an opportunity to tap into these images; learning how to harness the imagination in order to use it as a source of creativity, spiritual clarity, and healing power. The trick is to become aware! Using imagery techniques, we will learn to listen to this inner language, and to dialogue with our own inner wisdom.

#### • Hebrew College Summer Bet Midrash Program: "Tradition and Innovation in Talmudic and Hasidic Sources"

**July 6-16**, Boston, MA: This summer, Hebrew College is offering a 10-day intensive study opportunity for adults in a pluralistic religious setting, open to participants of different skill levels. The program will involve *hevrutah* (peer) study and seminar-style discussions led by HC faculty and Rabbinical School *madrihim* (study guides). Generous fellowships are available. For more info, visit the Hebrew College website or contact Or Rose, Co-Director of the Bet Midrash, 617-559-8636, [orose@hebrewcollege.edu](mailto:orose@hebrewcollege.edu).

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

#### • Spirituality, Religious Wisdom and the Care of the Patient

The next interfaith dialogue of the 2004 colloquium series *Spirituality, Religious Wisdom, and the Care of the Patient* will take place at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, 1275 York Ave., Room M 107, on **Monday, May 17** from 5:30-7:30 PM. The topic is "Sadness in the Context of Illness: A Catholic/Jewish Dialogue." Richard Rohr, OFM, and Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller will speak. The program is free of charge but pre-registration is encouraged as seating is limited. Phone 212-604-8140 or e-mail [spiritcare@svcmcnyc.org](mailto:spiritcare@svcmcnyc.org). For additional info and directions, go to [www.nymc.edu/bioethics/](http://www.nymc.edu/bioethics/) then select conferences.

#### • Renee Kaufman Memorial Program – "Mayor of the West Side"

**Monday, May 17**, 7 PM, 88th St. Sanctuary: Come watch "Mayor of the West Side," a documentary about the life of BJ member Mark Puddington, a challenged young man who has made an impact on everyone who knows him. He had his Bar Mitzvah at BJ a number of years ago and we all see him regularly at the 6 PM Friday night service. The documentary will be followed by a panel discussion with Rabbi Matalon; Mark's mother, Margaret Puddington; Judd Ehrlich, director of the documentary; Paul Cassone, sibling of an adult with disabilities and Chief Operating Officer of Lifespire (a large agency providing services to people with disabilities); and Eta Levenson, Assistant Director of the National Jewish Council for Disabilities. **Admission is free.**

#### • BJ GOES TO THE SALUTE TO ISRAEL PARADE

**Sunday, May 23:** Travel to Israel is this year's parade theme and BJ joins under the theme, "WE CARE, WE'RE THERE!" Come dressed as a tourist. Please register to march with us at x254 or [dpinsky@bj.org](mailto:dpinsky@bj.org). Meet at Fifth Avenue between 52nd and 53rd at 11:30 AM. Our start time will be 12 noon.

#### • Annual BJ Community Retreat

**June 4-6: Community Retreat.** Join our rabbis for BJ's 12th Annual Congregational Retreat on the beautiful grounds of Block & Hexter Vacation Center in Poyntelle, PA. This year we will also be joined by MTM Fellow Klief Rose and Rabbi Claudia Kreiman from Israel. Please come and enjoy the fullness of Shabbat, including children's services and programming, in a beautiful country setting. Registration forms and payment in full are due in the BJ office by **Friday, May 21**. Remember to sign up early as the retreat fills up quickly! Registration forms are available in the BJ office and on-line at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). For more information, call Anne Kohn at x240.

#### • SAVE THE DATE for BJ's Annual Meeting: **June 17**, 7 PM at 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.

• **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 other New York synagogues and Jewish organizations. This summer, our study at Kolot 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. Teachers will include Rabbis Moti Bar-Or and Shlomo Fox, Professors Uriel Simon, Rachel Elior, Amnon Rubenstein. The trip includes important site visits. Cost: \$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. Approximate cost: \$300 + airfare.

**Registration** is available for Part I, Part II or for both parts. Applications are available now at the BJ office. For more information, call Anne at x240.

**PART III: Sulha Peace Project: Healing The Children Of Abraham**

**Aug. 17, 18, 19:** Participate in the 4th annual Sulha Peace Project gathering with Naomi Meyer, in Park Shuni (near Binjamina), Israel. The Sulha Peace Project is an indigenous Middle Eastern way of reconciliation. The project's goal is to rebuild trust among neighbors, Arabs and Jews, people to people, by organizing community-oriented gatherings between Arabs and Jews in their own towns and villages. These gatherings are set in familiar cultural environments rich in food, dance, music, dialogue circles and sacred ritual from Arab and Jewish traditions.

**Aug. 19-22:** Following the Sulha gathering we will journey to the home of our friend's at Hamidrasha for a special Shabbat of home hospitality and study. Joining us will be Rabbi Claudia Kreiman. Approximate cost: \$500 + airfare. More details to follow, go to [www.metasulha.org](http://www.metasulha.org), or call Anne at x240 for info.

**SINGLES**

• **NOTE: the Darna dinner has been moved from June 11 to June 25.**

• **2001, 2002, 2003 Retreat Reunion Oneg**

**May 21**, after 6:45 PM service, 86th Street Parlor Room: Join us for a special evening of schmoozing and reminiscing. (Bonfires, Boating and Bar-B-Ques). For 2001, 2002, 2003 Retreat participants only. Please RSVP to x260 and you MUST present the mailed invitation at the door for admittance.

**HEBREW SCHOOL AND FAMILY LIFE**

• **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. For more info, contact Dalya at x241 or [dlevy@bj.org](mailto:dlevy@bj.org).

• **Bar/Bat Mitzvah Applications Now Due**

Parents of children born between 9/93 and 12/94 – please send us your bar/bat mitzvah applications! The application can be mailed or dropped off, but we are unable to accept applications sent via fax. If you have questions or need an application, please call x323.

• **BJHS REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS FOR 2004-2005**

BJHS Registration applications for 2004-05 school year were sent out a few weeks ago. Please send in your application to reserve your space for next year. If you haven't received an application in the mail, let us know (by calling us at x241) and we will send you one or you can download the forms from [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org), Hebrew School, BJHS Registration Form 2004-2005.

**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE**

• **PANIM EL PANIM: WOMEN'S RIGHTS HEVRA TAKING ACTION: VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN**

After a successful trip to Washington DC for the March for Women's Lives on April 25, the Women's Rights Hevra is moving forward with its efforts to do voter registration. We'll kick off this campaign with Jesse Dixon from Citizen Action NY speaking at both services on **Friday, May 21**. Join us on **Sunday, June 13** for our first bus trip to Pennsylvania. We will partake in non-partisan voter registration there, an important swing state in the November election. Round-trip bus fare for the day trip is \$25. Send a check made out to "Citizen Action NY" to the BJ office, marked "Women's Rights Hevra" on the outside of the envelope. For further information, call the Women's Rights Hevra voicemail at x369.

• **The Healing Hand Percussion Circle**

**Monday, June 21, 7PM, 88th St.:** Turn compassion into action. BJ, Jews Against Genocide, The Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew and musician Vernon Reid of Living Colour, all invite you to the Healing Hand Percussion Circle to benefit the people of the Sudan. An exhilarating musical evening including performances by African, Latino and Middle Eastern percussionists. Audience Participation! (Bring drums & percussion instruments.) Special report on the Sudan from expert Jerry Fowler of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum Committee on Conscience, upon his return from Africa. Tax-deductible minimum donation \$20. Info: 212-496-4550. Admission will benefit the work of Doctors Without Borders and Human Rights Watch in the Sudan.

• **Concert to Benefit NYC's Homeless**

**Sunday, May 23, 3:00 PM** (right after the Israeli day parade!), Central Park: BJ member Elissa Bernstein is producing "Sing for the Children: A Rock Singathon to Benefit NYC's Homeless Children," a concert to raise awareness and funds for homeless families and children. Top rock band Smash Mouth and The Bacon Brothers (Kevin's band) are performing, and Commsr. Linda Gibbs will be there. Join us!

• **World Trade Center Health Registry**

For all BJ members who responded to 9/11 by working at St. Paul's Church: Please take time to learn more about the WTC Health Registry. The registry is attempting to study the full scope of the health effects related to 9/11. Through information provided, guidelines will hopefully be developed that may save lives and reduce injuries in future disaster settings. For further information, contact the registry at 1-866-NYC-WTCR or go to [www.wtcregistry.org](http://www.wtcregistry.org).

• **Panim el Panim Environmental Action Fair Trade Coffee Campaign**

Get involved with Panim el Panim's first action campaign and help promote the availability and consumption of fair-trade coffee in our neighborhood! Our campaign began with BJ's pledge to serve fair-trade coffee and tea at all events. As the campaign gains momentum over the next few weeks, there will be numerous opportunities for action. You can start now by asking your regular food stores to carry fair-trade coffee. We will be canvassing the major food stores and restaurants on the Upper West Side to persuade them to offer fair-trade coffee, and the more requests they get, the more likely they are to agree. Get involved and call us at BJ's Environmental Action Hotline at x310. Learn more about fair trade at [www.transfairusa.org](http://www.transfairusa.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.

• **Do You Love The Music Of BJ's Shabbat Services?**

You can take it home with you by purchasing our CD, "With Every Breath," featuring Rabbis Roly Matalon and Marcelo Bronstein and Cantor Ari Priven. Cost: \$18. You can also purchase our Pesah CD, "HaLailah Hazeh," or the Pesah songbook, for \$18 each, or our newest CD and songbook, "TekiYah: Echoes of the High Holy Days at BJ," 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-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**

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**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

*Ashrei* (Psalm 145, on page 80 in *Sim Shalom*) is alphabetical by line. This was one way to make our prayers to God especially beautiful. Can you find other examples of alphabetical liturgy?

– Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman

FOCUS ON ISRAEL

*As an outgrowth of our mission to make Israel a central focus of BJ and to further the vision of Israel as a modern Jewish, pluralistic democracy, we are beginning a new column in the Kol Jeshurun, "Focus on Israel." We hope to present a variety of topics, including speaker profiles, information about our Israeli partnerships, excerpts from and commentary about texts on Israel, and discussions of education, spirituality, and social justice in Israel.*

"Voice or exit." That's how some political scientists describe citizens' choices in a democracy. This means you can participate to create change, or give up and exit the system. Too often in Israel, those with low incomes and less education do not participate. Voter turnout is dropping in low-income communities and this "exit" involves no small number of people: as of 2002, based on their earned income, 34% of Israeli families were living in poverty.

*Yedid*, The Association for Community Empowerment in Israel, was created to assist Israeli families on the geographic and cultural periphery of Israeli society. *Yedid* works to foster relationships among members of different sectors of the population and to bring disenfranchised communities closer to the principles and practices of democracy. It does so by operating "storefront" community centers in development towns and low-income neighborhoods throughout Israel. These centers not only provide legal assistance in securing government services in employment, housing, health care, education and social security, they train clients to advocate for themselves. In short, *Yedid* empowers Israelis to use their voice.

*Yedid* is run by a native New Yorker, Sari Revkin, who made aliyah more than 25 years ago, and who, I can testify, is an exceptional not-for-profit executive. By meeting real social needs while fostering the values of pluralism, peace and equality, *Yedid* is changing the social and political culture of Israel. *Yedid* empowers Israelis from marginalized communities to invest in democracy, and in themselves, to create a better country. You can learn more about *Yedid* at [yedid.org.il](http://yedid.org.il).

Sally Gottesman

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