



BEHA'ALOTKHA

ANNUAL: Numbers 8:1 - 12:16
TRIENNIAL: Numbers 10:35 - 12:16
HAFTARAH: Zekhariah 2:14 - 4:7

NEXT WEEK: SHELAH-LEKHA

ANNUAL: Numbers 13:1 - 15:41
TRIENNIAL: Numbers 15:8-41
HAFTARAH: Joshua 2:1-24

**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY
 OF THE WEEK**

**PANIM EL PANIM:
 WOMEN'S RIGHTS 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. Join us on **Sunday, June 13** for our first bus trip to Pennsylvania. We will participate 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.

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June 4 - June 11, 2004

16 Sivan - 22 Sivan 5764

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th St.
 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:45 PM – 86th St.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

Shabbat Service 9:30 AM – 86th St.
 Bat Mitzvah Sarah Goldfarb
 Children's Service 10:45 AM – 86th St.
 Ledor Vador Intergenerational Lunch (p. 2) 12:30 PM – 88th St.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, JUNE 7

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
 Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th St.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
 Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM – 88th St.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

**SUMMER SHABBAT SERVICES:
 CHANGES IN TIMES AND LOCATIONS**

As we reach the end of our regular service schedule, the rabbis, cantor and congregants of BJ wish to thank our head ushers and all the Friday night and Shabbat morning ushers for their unbelievable generosity in giving of their time throughout the year, which enables all of us to pray in an atmosphere of peace and comfort. Yasher koah to all of you.

Starting **Friday, June 25**, instead of our regular schedule of two Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat Services, we will shift to our summer schedule of one Friday night service, at 7 PM, at 88th Street. That same weekend, starting **Saturday, June 26**, Shabbat morning services (Adult's and Children's) will move from 86th Street to 88th Street (at 9:30 and 10:45 AM respectively, as usual). This summer schedule will continue until the weekend of September 3-4, when we will resume our regular Shabbat service schedule.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAZAL TOV

- To the following members and their families:
- Sarah, Philip, Andrew, Joshua and Benjamin Goldfarb and Sofia Estevez on Sarah becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
 - Joseph and Bonnie Rapaport on the birth of their granddaughter Jillian Hope Klein.

The flowers for the bimah are sponsored by Philip Goldfarb and Sofia Estevez in honor of their daughter Sarah Goldfarb becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

BRUKHIM HABA-IM

- Teacher Eadie Isabari and Eitan Isabari and High School Class, Beth-El Synagogue Talmud Torah, Omaha, Nebraska.
- Rabbi Alberto Baruch Zeilicovich and Confirmation Class, Congregation Ahavath Shalom, Fort Worth, Texas.
- Congregants from Beth Shalom, Chester, Connecticut and Adath Israel, Middletown, Connecticut.
- Havurah, Congregation Sha'aray Shalom, Hingham, Massachusetts.

We are grateful to congregants who wish to offer their seats to the elderly and those with physical challenges. However, we kindly request that you do not offer the seats of *other* congregants if they are not there for a few minutes. See an usher if someone needs assistance.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

LIMUD

• Rabbi Steven Greenberg at BJ

We are privileged to have Rabbi Steven Greenberg at the final Shabbat B'Yahad of the year 5764 at BJ. Rabbi Greenberg is the author of the recently-published *Wrestling with God and Men: Homosexuality in the Jewish Tradition*, and is the first openly gay Orthodox rabbi. We are honored to have him as guest speaker at our dinner, **Friday evening, June 25**, as we once again recognize Gay Pride Shabbat. His book represents 10 years of writing on a subject with which the Jewish People have struggled. Rabbi Greenberg's book explores a deeply faithful path for reconciliation between traditional Judaism and homosexuality. Cost: \$30, members; \$40 non-members. **TO REGISTER:** Go on-line to www.bj.org OR you may send a check made out to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. In the memo section of the check, write "SBY 6/25/04". Note: All checks must be confirmed received by calling Michael at x260. Mail checks to: Attn: Michael, at our office address. Please include a phone number. Deadline: **June 18**. If space is available, add a \$10 late fee for reservations received after the deadline.

• Summer Hebrew Classes

Whether you're planning to travel with BJ to Israel, want to get an early start on the High Holy Days, or, are finally getting to last year's New Year Resolution, you are welcome to join our Hebrew classes for Modern as well as Prayerbook Hebrew. Call Michal Nachmany at 212-865-4050.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Membership Renewal Information

Please note that, as of June 1, High Holy Day seating is closed at the 88th Street Sanctuary. Therefore, when completing your membership application, please select either 86th Street (SPSA) or Symphony Space. If you have not received an application, or have questions about High Holy Day locations, please contact Belinda Lasky, Director of Membership, at x224 or blasky@bj.org. To pay by credit card, please apply online at www.bj.org under 'Membership'. We look forward to having you rejoin the B'nai Jeshurun community.

• Ledor Vador Intergenerational Lunch

Saturday, June 5, following Shabbat services, 88th St. Sanctuary : BJ members of all ages are invited to lunch and a performance by Ron Eliran. Long considered "Israel's Ambassador of Song," he combines the best of Israeli traditional with the best of contemporary international music. Born in Haifa, he received the "Violin of David Award," which is the Israeli equivalent of the "Oscar" and "Grammy" combined. Please RSVP x334, leaving the names of those who will be attending. Also, send a check for \$12 per person (\$15 for non-members), marked "Ledor Vador Luncheon", to Belinda Lasky at the BJ office. Children are welcome to attend free of charge.

• SAVE THE DATE for BJ's Annual Meeting: **June 17**, 7 PM at 88th St.!

• Summer Programs In Israel

For information on our two Israel Programs in July, **Ethical Dilemmas in the Renewed State of Israel: An introspective look at Israeli Society – Summer Study in Jerusalem, July 2-8**, and our **Women's Retreat at Hamidrasha, Israel, July 8-12**, please call Anne at x240. There are still a few spots available.

• Sulha Peace Project: Healing The Children Of Abraham

Aug. 17-19 : Come to 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, aiming 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. Deadline for registration is **June 18**.

Aug. 19-22 : Following the Sulha gathering we will journey to the home of our friends 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, or call Anne at x240 for info.

• Research on the Genetics of Bipolar Disorder

Johns Hopkins is currently conducting research on the genetic roots of bipolar disorder. If interested, please call 1-888-289-4095.

SINGLES

• BJ Softball

For people in their 30's and 40's. No skill necessary. WHERE: All games are at the North Meadow ball fields in Central Park. COST: \$10 for the season. REMAINING DATES & TIMES **June** : 10, 17 & 24 at 5:30 PM. **July** : 6, 15 (Field #1) & 29 at 7 PM. **Aug** : 3, 17, 24 and 31 and **Sept.** 2 at 7 PM. (All games are at Field #5 except the 7/15 game at Field #1, as noted.) No need to RSVP. Just show up. Questions only: please contact Phil Gross at PGross@KKWC.com.

• Shabbat Dinner at Darna

Friday, June 25, following the 7 PM service (approx. 8:30 PM): The first Darna dinner was so great we're having another!!! Meet, eat and socialize!! Members \$30 / Non-Members \$40. **TO REGISTER:** Go on-line to www.BJ.org or register with a credit card by calling Michael at x260. Checks can be sent to the BJ office marked "Singles' Dinner, 6/25," but you must confirm the check was received with Michael to be registered. **DEADLINE: June 18**. \$10 Late fee applies after the deadline if space is available. NO EXCEPTIONS. There are limited spaces for Men and Women for this event so register early.

SINGLES

• **Yankees Game**

Sunday, July 11, 1:05 PM, Yankee Stadium: Take me out to the ball game...Yankees vs. the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Don't miss a great game and a great opportunity to meet great people on a summer day enjoying our favorite past-time. \$20/mem; \$25/non-mem. These are Tier Box seats on the 3rd base side and seating is limited. TO PURCHASE TIX: Contact Michael at x260 or mkelberg@bj.org to pay with a credit card. There will be NO RSVPs for this event and tix must be paid for in advance. Tix will be mailed up until one-week prior to the game or call Michael to arrange to pick them up at the BJ office. Meet us at the game (at our seats), or meet us at the synagogue (257 W. 88th St.) no later than noon and we'll take the subway together. (4 or D train to 161 street/Yankee Stadium) Rain or shine.

HEBREW SCHOOL AND FAMILY LIFE

• **Parent Meeting Location Change**

The parent meeting about Youth & Family Education for parents of children who receive their Jewish education outside of BJ's Hebrew School, scheduled for **June 15** at 7 PM, will take place at BJ's office in the Ansonia Building, not at 88th Street. We hope to see you there.

• **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, Hebrew School, BJHS Registration Form 2004-2005.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **15th Annual Human Rights Watch International Film Festival**

June 10-24 at the Walter Reade Theater, co-presented by the Film Society of Lincoln Center: Graphic photographs from Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison remind us that, in the battle for human rights, image is ammunition. The power of the image-and the individuals behind them-resonate in the twenty-seven films and videos featured in this year's festival. For program details, visit: <http://www.hrw.org/iff>, and for tickets, please call 212-875-5600.

• **The Healing Hand Percussion Circle**

Monday, June 21, 7 PM, 88th St.: Turn compassion into action. Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, Jews Against Genocide, The Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew, West End Synagogue 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.

• **Volunteers Needed: "Counter-Leaf" the Missionaries**

The Task Force on Missionaries and Cults, a project of the Jewish Community Relations Council of NY, needs help this summer working against missionaries who come to NYC to convert Jews. The effort begins with a training program **July 1**. Volunteers are needed to hand out leaflets in the parks and subways during morning, lunch, and evening rush hours during the month of July. For further information, please contact Karen Sackville at 212-983-4800 x127.

• **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.

• **AJWS Responds To Floods In Haiti And Dominican Republic**

American Jewish World Service (AJWS), a non-sectarian international development and relief organization, is sending humanitarian aid to the people affected by the floods in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. To date, floods and mudslides have killed approximately 2,000 people and have cut off ground access to 40,000 people due to washed out bridges and roads. More than 11,000 have been displaced; many have lost everything, including their homes. AJWS is assisting those partners who work in the affected areas by providing the critical needs of food, shelter and medicine to the flood victims. AJWS is also supporting long-standing institutional partners headquartered in the United States that provide life-saving medical supplies and equipment to health facilities within 48 hours of a disaster. Donations can be sent to: American Jewish World Service, Haiti/DR Flood Relief, 45 West 36th Street, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10018. Or call 1-800-889-7146 or visit their Web site at www.ajws.org.

• **Shabbat Visits to St. Luke's Hospital**

Many patients feel lonely and isolated in a hospital. Our goal, as part of the Bikkur Holim (visiting the sick) Committee, is to be there on Friday afternoon to wish them a Shabbat Shalom and a Refuah Shleimah (complete healing). We need more volunteers to help visit about 3 or 4 patients on a Friday. Please call or E-mail Elaine Nevins for more details, 212-799-1782 or ENE6695059@aol.com.

• **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 ssamuels@aol.com. Bring finished items to the BJ Office, c/o Judith Bernstein Lunch Program.

• **Volunteers Needed To Sleep Over At BJ/SPSA's Homeless Shelter**

Our shelter feeds and houses up to 10 guests, Monday through Thursday. We need volunteers to commit to one night each month to sleep over, or set up meals and beds, or prepare or donate food. One night a month is not a huge commitment. We hope you will come forward at this time of need. For info, contact Robert Imershein at Rimershein@capstarny.com or 212-339-4250.

• 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, 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.

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.

• 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

"El Adon... barukh u'mevorakh b'pei kol neshama, El, Master...is blessed by the mouth of every soul." This of course is not true (yet). That's why we call it prayer. It's what might be. It's what we work to create: the sense that God's greatness and goodness (*Gadlo v'tuvo malei olam*) fills the world and that this world, God's world, is defined by wisdom and insight. (*Daat u'tevunah sov'vim oto.*)

Rabbi Meir Feldman

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.

The Paradox of the Heavenly and Earthly Jerusalem

Avot d'Rabbi Natan, an early collection of Rabbinic teachings written as a commentary to Pirkei Avot, writes about Jerusalem:

- There are ten portions of suffering in the world: Nine in Jerusalem and one in the rest of the world...
- There are ten portions of wisdom in the world: Nine in Jerusalem and one in the rest of the world.
- There are ten portions of hypocrisy in the world: Nine in Jerusalem and one in the rest of the world.
- There are ten portions of Torah in the world: Nine in Jerusalem and one in the rest of the world.

This rich text characterizes the paradox of the Holy City. What was true for the early Rabbis in this regard is most certainly true for our time as well. The "gateway to heaven," the heart of the Jewish imagination, the symbol of the entire land of Israel, is simultaneously a place of great suffering and repeated destruction. One way in which both ancients and moderns bridged the wide gulf that lies between the idyllic Jerusalem of our dreams and its harsh and difficult reality is to distinguish between the "Heavenly Jerusalem" – *Yerushalayim shel ma'alah* – and the "Earthly Jerusalem" – *Yerushalayim shel matah*. In commenting on Psalm 122:3, the Rabbis read *Iyr she'chubra lah yachdav* – "a city knit together" in two expansive ways: first, that Jerusalem is a city whose residents are friends (*chaverim*); second, that it is an earthly city knit together with its heavenly counterpart. These two explanations are complementary: when Jerusalem's residents are friends, then it will have become the heavenly Jerusalem.

Rabbi Leon A. Morris, Executive Director, Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning

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