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**KORAH; ROSH HODESH TAMMUZ**

**ANNUAL:** Numbers 16:1 - 18:32  
**TRIENNIAL:** Numbers 17:25 - 18:32  
**MAFTIR:** Numbers 28:9-15  
**HAFTARAH:** Isaiah 66:1-24

**NEXT WEEK: HUKKAT**

**ANNUAL:** Numbers 19:1 - 22:1  
**TRIENNIAL:** Numbers 19:1 - 20:21  
**HAFTARAH:** Judges 11:1-33

**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY  
 OF THE WEEK**

**THE HEALING HAND PERCUSSION CIRCLE**

**Monday, June 21, 7 PM, 88th St.:** 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. Bring drums and percussion instruments to participate! Special report on the Sudan from expert Jerry Fowler of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum Committee on Conscience and a short film. Sudanese Refugee and Supermodel Alek Wek will also speak. Tax-deductible minimum donation \$20. Pay as you enter. No RSVPs required. Cash or checks only (payable to Human Rights Watch and/or Doctors Without Borders, earmarked for Sudan). Info: 212-496-4550.

**June 18 - June 25, 2004**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 18**

Tot Shabbat Service  
 Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
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5:45 PM – 86th St.  
 6:00 PM – 88th St.  
 6:45 PM – 86th St.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 19**

Shabbat Service (ASL Interpreted)  
 Bat Mitzvah  
 Bat Mitzvah  
 Children's Service  
 Community Kiddush  
 Rosh Hodesh Women's Group (p. 2)

**ROSH HODESH TAMMUZ**

9:30 AM – 86th St.  
 Dana Bronstein  
 Mia Mazer  
 10:45 AM – 86th St.  
 12:30 PM – 88th St.  
 5:00 PM – 86th St.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 20**

Morning Minyan

**ROSH HODESH TAMMUZ**

9:30 AM – 88th St.

**MONDAY, JUNE 21**

Morning Minyan  
 Healing Hand Percussion Circle (p. 3)

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

**TUESDAY, JUNE 22**

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23**

Morning Minyan  
 Kesharim  
 BJ Book Group

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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 24**

Morning Minyan  
 Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 12:00 PM – 88th St.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 25**

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

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

Our summer service schedule begins next week and we NEED USHERS for the summer. If you can donate your time either for one or two Friday evenings or Shabbat mornings, the entire community will be most grateful. Contact: Deborah Pinsky, x254. Todah rabbah.

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 10-11 (the weekend *after* Labor Day weekend), when we will resume our regular Shabbat service schedule.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAMAKOM YENAHEM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincerest condolences to Hadassah Weiner and her family on the death of Hadassah's beloved father, Rubin Weiner.

**Correction:** a condolence announcement last week improperly listed the name of the deceased. The correct name is Helen Louise Rudofsky. Our apologies to Susan and David Schwartz and the family.

**Todah rabbah** to Ben Fitterman for his many weeks of hard work volunteering in the BJ Office. We will miss him.

We send our love and best wishes to Linda Specht, Director of Education (Youth and Family) who is leaving BJ after 2 years. Linda will be the Director of Academy of Jewish Studies at Congregations Oheb Shalom and Beth El, in South Orange, NJ. She will be missed by our entire community.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### LIMUD

#### • Rosh Hodesh Women's Group

**Saturday, June 19,** 5:00 PM, 86th St.: Join Rabbis Felicia Sol and Jessica Zimmerman to welcome the new moon on this holiday traditionally associated with women. Registration is not required. For info, call Rabbi Zimmerman at x253.

#### • 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. Rabbi Greenberg's book explores a deeply faithful path for reconciliation between traditional Judaism and homosexuality. Cost after **June 18**: \$40, members; \$50 non-members. **TO REGISTER:** Go on-line to [www.bj.org](http://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.

#### • 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

#### • SPSA's Gay Gotham Chorus Concert

**Saturday, June 19,** 8 PM, 86th St.: Come to the rousing summer concert of The Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew's Gay Gotham Chorus as they perform "Songs of America," featuring works of Barber, Billings, Copland, Hageman, Ives, Thompson, and the world premiere of Marvin Gaspard's "Shenandoah." Cost: \$20 (\$15 seniors/students). For info, call 212-362-3179 or go to [www.gaygothamchorus.org](http://www.gaygothamchorus.org).

### MAZAL TOV

- To the following members and their families:
- Dana, Micaela, Gabriela and Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and Juliana Neiman on Dana becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
  - Mia, Noah, Nina, Irene Guiter and Greg Worley, and Ariel Mazer and Bibi Geller on Mia becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
  - Rachel Jennie Etz and Matthew Todd Webster on their recent marriage.
  - Ruth Jarmul, Irv, Rebecca, Rachel and Sarah Rosenthal on the recent engagement of Rebecca to Adam Arenson.
  - Tamar Baumgold on the engagement of her grand-daughter Talia Farhi to Joshua Sadres.

### BRUKHIM HABA-IM

- Timur Yuskaev, Matt Weiner, The Interfaith Center and school teachers participating in IFC's intensive summer course, *Religious Diversity in America*.
- Rabbi Michael Davis and Confirmation Class, Congregation Emanuel, Wichita, Kansas.

#### • BJ Book Group

The Book Group will meet on **Wednesday, June 23** at 7 PM at 88th Street to discuss *The Blue Mountain* by Meir Shalev. The novel describes a community of Eastern European Jewish immigrants as they pioneer life in a new land, set in a small rural village prior to the founding of the state of Israel. The author is regarded as one of Israel's most important contemporary writers. All are welcome.

#### • BJ Members Without Next of Kin

If you are a BJ member without next of kin, and you have questions concerning serious illness and/or end of life issues, we will be holding a meeting with Rabbi Bronstein in July. For further information, please contact Helen Radin at x233.

#### • 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.

#### • New Gay Men's Havurah Introduction Planning Meeting

**Tuesday, Aug. 2,** 7 PM: Havurah is Hebrew for fellowship group. For all ages. Now in the planning stage and scheduled to commence after Labor Day (September 6). Monthly events will include Shabbat celebrations, dinners, lectures, retreats and trips. For additional details, contact Jonathan Baron at 212-663-6702 or [designbaron@hotmail.com](mailto:designbaron@hotmail.com).

#### • 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 25**.

**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](http://www.metasulha.org), or call Anne at x240 for info.

### • High Holy Days Reading

During the upcoming High Holy Days, we will be studying and discussing the book *The Dignity of Difference: How to Avoid the Clash of Civilizations* by Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi of Great Britain. We recommend you prepare by reading the book in advance. Please obtain the original hardcover edition, which can be purchased at Barnes and Noble or directly from the publisher, at [www.continuumbooks.com](http://www.continuumbooks.com).

### • Frédéric Brenner's *Diaspora* Available at a Discount from BJ

The BJ office has a limited number of copies of Frédéric Brenner's book, *Diaspora: Jews in Exile*, available for purchase. This two-volume visual anthology is based on Brenner's travels to document the Jewish diaspora over the past 25 years from Rome to New York, India to Yemen, Morocco to Ethiopia, and Sarajevo to Jerusalem. Photographs from the project were featured in a recent exhibition at the Brooklyn Museum as well as at the JCC in Manhattan. The boxed set is priced at only \$75 (reg. \$100) from the BJ office. Please contact Anne Kohn at x240 or send an email to: [akohn@bj.org](mailto:akohn@bj.org).

### • 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**. 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](mailto:PGross@KKWC.com).

### SINGLES

#### • 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 \$40 / Non-Members \$50. **TO REGISTER**: Go on-line 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' Dinner, 6/25," but you must confirm the check was received with Michael to be registered. There are limited spaces for Men and Women for this event so register early.

#### • 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](mailto: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.

### YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

#### • 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

#### • New York City PRIDE March

**Sunday, June 27**: Years from now, when your grandchildren ask where you were during the historic struggle for civil marriage rights, what will you say? Tell them you marched. This year, for the first time, the Straight Alliance for Marriage Equality (SAME) will march in support of the legal right to marry for all loving couples, gay and straight. SAME is the first organization founded by and for heterosexual activists specifically to win marriage freedom for all. Stand up and be counted among those who believe love and commitment are positive family values. Tell the world your marriage doesn't need protecting. Take a positive step toward tikkun olam, and sign up to march: [www.sameproject.org](http://www.sameproject.org), [info@sameproject.org](mailto:info@sameproject.org) or 1-866-550-SAME.

#### • 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.

#### • Israeli Air Force Captain Shapira Discusses Peace Efforts

**Monday, July 12**, 7:30 PM, 88th St. Sanctuary: Join BJ and Brit Tzedek v'Shalom to hear a challenging, important presentation by Yonatan Shapira, a Captain in the Israeli Air Force (Reserves), who, along with 26 others, has publicly declared he will not participate in aerial attacks on populated areas in the Palestinian territories. Marcia Freedman, President of Brit Tzedek, the Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace, will join him to discuss the work of American Jews who support peace efforts.

#### • HAZON 4th Annual NY Jewish Environmental Bike Ride

**Labor Day weekend, Sept 3-6**, from Falls Village, CT to New York City: Join our bike team, the BJ Revolutionaries, in this fantastic opportunity to get great exercise, make new friends, and raise money for Jewish Environmental causes in the US and Israel. We need people who haven't ridden in years but who want a good challenge, as well as avid cyclists looking for a great ride; all ages welcome! No experience necessary; there will be training rides throughout the summer to prepare. Participants will ride 110 miles over a two day time period on a beautiful route from Connecticut to New York. The optional Pre-Ride Shabbat Retreat, on the Friday and Saturday, will be at the beautiful Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center in CT. To register, go to [www.hazon.org](http://www.hazon.org) and sign up as part of the BJ Revolutionaries. Questions? Call BJ Team Captain Susan Baer at x392.

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

Get involved with Panim el Panim's first action campaign! 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.

**• Ink Jet Cartridge Collection**

The BJ Latin America Committee is continuing to collect used ink jet cartridges (the type used in home and small office printers) for our sister congregation, Bet El, in Buenos Aires. Bet El volunteers will refill the empty cartridges and resell them to help support their program for the deaf community. If you have empty ink cartridges from Canon, Epson, HP and Lexmark ink jet printers, please contact Ellen at 212-995-0434 or eftuck@bway.net.

**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

To my dear BJ community: this is my last D'var Tefillah that I have the privilege to write as a Marshall T. Meyer Fellow. So, I want to focus on the prayer for gratitude, thankfulness, with which we begin every day, (Sim Shalom, 374 ).

"*Modeh ani lefanekha Melekh Hai.* I am ever so grateful for your Panim, your face . . ." This is most commonly understood as gratitude to God. Since I have woken from my sleep, I feel nothing but gratitude.

But it's not just about God. The gratitude is wholly incomplete if it doesn't first travel through the human beings in our lives. "I am grateful for the you next to me." That is God's wish for how we manifest our gratitude. So, from a most deep and grateful place I want to say, "Thank you for all that you have given me . . . your patience, openness, wisdom and your song!!!"

*Rabbi Meir Feldman*

FOCUS ON ISRAEL

In the next week, more than a million Israeli school kids will conclude their school year and commence their summer vacation. As they depart their schoolyards towards beaches, summer camps and family vacations, I look at them, thinking of the fate that awaits them and how far it is from my generation. Just a few news items from recent days:

A just-released study, conducted among a sample population of 2,750 children between the ages of 12 and 18, found that 14% of them suffer from post-traumatic syndromes as a result of the terror events of recent years. The study identified learning difficulties, aggressive behavior and fears.

Members of Knesset are pushing for legislation that will reestablish the free hot lunch at schools, at a cost of NIS 1.5 billion per year. The reason: a growing population of children come from families on the verge of poverty who often do not receive a hot meal a day. The irony: this free-meal-program was established in the 50's, but was terminated in the 1970's, when affluence made it unnecessary.

The Ministry of Education is now contemplating reforming the school system, recognizing that unless a dramatic change is introduced, Israeli education will slip behind many other countries, threatening the status of Israel as a "light unto the nations." Many observers believe that it is an emergency. If we do not invest our best resources in the quality of education of the next generation, we may lose the real strategic campaign of the Jewish State.

With images of my own childhood, I wish Israeli school children a wonderful summer. May you return in the fall to better schools, better-paid teachers and a superb education. The future of the State of Israel is in your school bags!

*Amir Shaviv, Senior Executive of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee*

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