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BALAK

ANNUAL: Numbers 22:2 - 25:9
TRIENNIAL: Numbers 22:39 - 25:9
HAFTARAH: Micah 5:6 - 6:8

NEXT WEEK: PINHAS

ANNUAL: Numbers 25:10 - 30:1
TRIENNIAL: Numbers 28:16 - 30:1
HAFTARAH: Jeremiah 1:1 - 2:3

**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY
 OF THE WEEK**

**Panim el Panim: Women's Rights:
 GLORIA FELDT SPEAKS AT BJ**

Wednesday, July 21, 7:30 PM, 88th St.: The Women's Rights Hevra, part of the Panim-el-Panim initiative, has invited Gloria Feldt, President of Planned Parenthood Federation, to speak about her new book, *The War on Choice: The Right-Wing Attack on Women's Rights and How to Fight Back*. Cost is \$10, which includes a copy of her book. For more information, call x369.

This event is part of the Hevra's goal of educating voters about the importance of the pro-choice issue in November's election. Please join us!!

July 2 - July 9, 2004

14 Tammuz - 20 Tammuz 5764

FRIDAY, JULY 2 Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:00 PM – 88th St.
SATURDAY, JULY 3 Shabbat Service Speaker	9:30 AM – 88th St. Eilon Schwartz, Executive Director, Heschel Center for Environmental Learning and Leadership
Children's Service	10:45 AM – 88th St.
SUNDAY, JULY 4 Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88th St.
MONDAY, JULY 5 Morning Minyan	BJ OFFICE CLOSED 9:30 AM – 88th St.
TUESDAY, JULY 6 Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 7 Morning Minyan Kesharim	7:30 AM – 88th St. 2:00 PM – 88th St.
THURSDAY, JULY 8 Morning Minyan Judith Bernstein Lunch Program	7:30 AM – 88th St. 12:00 PM – 88th St.
FRIDAY, JULY 9 Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAH'EM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincerest condolences to Linda Hirsch and Jacob Lieberman on the death of Linda's beloved husband and Jacob's beloved father, Warren Lieberman.

A condolence announcement last week misspelled the name of the deceased. The correct spelling is Pauline Rapaport. Our apologies to Joseph and Bonnie Rapaport and the family.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Blanche Saia and her family on being awarded the status of Professor Emeritus from Bank Street College.
- Marcelo and Deborah Brukman on the birth of their son, Ethan Joseph.

BRUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Steven Foster and Confirmation Class, Congregation Emanuel, Denver, Colorado.
- Group Leader Moshe Schwartz and students, United Synagogue Youth Summer in the City Program.
- Members of Face to Face/Faith to Faith, a project that brings together Christian, Jewish and Muslim teenagers from regions of conflict.

• 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.

• Summer Shabbat Services: USHERS NEEDED

Our summer service schedule has begun 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. Instead of our regular schedule of two Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat Services, we have shifted to our summer schedule of one Friday night service, at 7 PM, at 88th Street, and Shabbat morning services (Adult's and Children's) have moved 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.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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• 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.

• Hebrew University Ulpan in New York!

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem will bring its acclaimed Hebrew Language Ulpan to the Columbia University Hillel from **July 12-Aug. 6**. The Ulpan consists of 100 hours of coursework and carries six transferable credits. All are welcome! For more information, contact Jo Ann Panzella, 800-404-8622 or jpanzella@hebrewu.com or http://overseas.huji.ac.il/ulpan_ny.php.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• **Scribblers on the Roof: Jewish Writers Read from Their Works**
6 Monday evenings, June 14 - July 19 at 8 PM, Anshe Chesed, 100th St. and West End (212-865-0600): This season's writers reading from their works on the roof of Anshe Chesed include Binnie Kirshenbaum, Vivian Gornick, Jonathan Rosen, and Lynne Sharon Schwartz. For a full schedule, go to www.anshechesed.org.

• 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.

• New Gay Men's Havurah Introduction Planning Meeting

Monday, Aug. 2, 7 PM: 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.

• 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 **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.

• **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: Homelands 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.

• **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.

• **Purchase our High Holy Days CD in Time for the High Holy Days!**

With the High Holy Days coming up, our newest CD and songbook, "TekiYah: Echoes of the High Holy Days at BJ," are both available now for \$18 each. You can also take home the music of our Shabbat services by purchasing our CD, "With Every Breath," for \$18, our Pesah CD, "HaLailah Hazeh," or the Pesah songbook, 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.

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

• **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

• **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: Join our bike team, the BJ Revolutionaries, 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 two days 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 and sign up as part of the BJ Revolutionaries. Questions? Call BJ Team Captain Susan Baer at x392.

• **Join BJ in the Race/Walk for the Cure for Breast Cancer!**

Please register with the CONGREGATION BNAI JESHURUN TEAM for the annual 5K Race/Walk for the Cure on **Sun., Sept. 12**. One out of seven of our mothers, sisters, daughters and friends (and their families) will have to struggle with Breast Cancer. Race for the Cure raises money for research, underserved centers, and local support groups like Share. Official registration ends in late August, although you are welcome to join us as late as the day of the race/walk. For further information, please contact Glenda Frank at 212-749-0160 or glfrank@erols.com or register online at www.komennyc.org.

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

Panim el Panim's first action campaign began with BJ's pledge to serve fair-trade coffee and tea at all events. As the campaign gains momentum, 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.

• **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.

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 Kliel Rose, x264.



D'VAR TEFILLAH

This coming Tuesday we will commemorate the fast day known as the 17th of Tammuz. This day begins the period known as the "three weeks of mourning".

The *Shaharit* service (morning service) for this particular day looks virtually the same as a regular weekday service, although there is one exception, which takes place in the *Amidah* (silent prayer). When the service leader repeats the *Amidah* as on other weekdays, she adds the prayer known *Aneinu* ("answer us") as a complete blessing, which ends with the words "Blessed are You, Adonai, who answers (the people of Israel) in times of distress."

May we all be answered in our time of need!

Rabbi Kliel Rose

FOCUS ON ISRAEL

The new Kol Jeshurun "Focus on Israel" column will be on hiatus for the summer and will begin again in September.

• **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.

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.

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