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April 22 - 29, 2005

13 - 20 Nisan, 5765

AHAREI MOT
SHABBAT HAGADOL

TORAH
ANNUAL: Leviticus 16:1 - 18:30
TRIENNIAL: Leviticus 16:1 - 17:7
HAFTARAH: Malakhi 3:4 - 24 (repeat 23)

NEXT WEEK: **PESAH - 7TH DAY**

TORAH: Exodus 13:17 - 15:26
MAFTIR: Numbers 28:19 - 25
HAFTARAH: II Samuel 22:1 - 51

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Shabbat Service
Children's Service
Naming
Speaker

FIRST SEDER PESAH

9:30 AM – 86th St.
10:45 AM – 86th St.
Daniella Shira Gubbay Abrams
Aziz Abu Sarah and Ya'ara Shapira
Parents Circle Delegates

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

First Day Pesah Services
First Day Pesah Children's Services

FIRST DAY PESAH - SECOND SEDER PESAH

9:30 AM – 88th St.
10:45 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, APRIL 25

BJ OFFICE CLOSED
Second Day Pesah Services
Second Day Pesah Children's Services

SECOND DAY PESAH - 1ST DAY OMER

HESED SHEBEHESED
9:30 AM – 88th St.
10:45 AM – 88th St.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

Morning Minyan
Gesher

THIRD DAY PESAH - 2ND DAY OMER

GEVURAH SHEBEHESED
7:30 AM – 88th St.
5:00 PM – BJ Office

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

Morning Minyan
Kesharim

FOURTH DAY PESAH - 3RD DAY OMER

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Morning Minyan
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program
Limud: Parashat HaShavu'a
MTM Rabbinic Fellow Katie Mizrahi
BJ Book Group

FIFTH DAY PESAH - 4TH DAY OMER

NETZAH SHEBEHESED
7:30 AM – 88th St.
12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
Cancelled this week
7:00 PM – 88th St.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

Morning Minyan

SIXTH DAY PESAH - 5TH DAY OMER

HOD SHEBEHESED
7:30 AM – 88th St.

SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

SPRING BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, May 18; 5-8:30PM, 88th St. Bring a friend, a colleague, and SAVE A LIFE! The New York Blood Center depends on BJ's donations to meet their quota. This is a wonderful opportunity to perform a mitzvah! To sign up, call x373 and leave a message: your name, phone number and best time for you. Either Trudi Levine or Sharon Messitte will return your call. Or email bjbloodMay2005@yahoo.com. Donors must be in good health between the ages of 17 and 75 and weigh at least 110 pounds. You must bring a photo ID with you to the blood drive. For more info, see flyers at the back of the sanctuary.

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

PLEASE NOTE:

BJ Hebrew School is CLOSED for Passover on April 21, April 25, April 28 and May 2. School reopens on Thursday, May 5.

PESAH SERVICE SCHEDULE

First Evening Pesah	Saturday, April 23	No Service
First Day Pesah	Sunday, April 24	9:30 AM 88th St.
Second Evening Pesah	Sunday, April 24	No Service
Second Day Pesah	Monday, April 25	9:30 AM 88th St.
Shabbat and Seventh Evening Pesah	Friday, April 29	6:00 PM 88th St.
	Friday, April 29	6:45 PM 86th St.
Seventh Day Pesah	Saturday, April 30	9:30 AM 88th St.
Eighth Evening Pesah	Saturday, April 30	8:30 PM 88th St.
Eighth Day Pesah – Yizkor	Sunday, May 1st	9:30 AM 88th St.

*Children's Services begin at 10:45 AM each morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAH'EM

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

- Candace Martin, Neal, Alexander and Zachary Mittman on the death of Candace's beloved father, Steele Martin.
- Toni Siegel, Peter and Gillian Sturtevant on the death of Toni's beloved aunt, Beatrice McNanie.

MAZAL TOV

- Eliat Gubbay, Jerald Abrams and Naomi Gubbay Abrams, on the naming of their daughter and sister, Daniella Shira Gubbay Abrams.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Professor Hezi Brosh and students of Bard College, Annandale on Hudson, New York.
- The Worship Task Force, Congregation Beth Elohim, Park Slope, New York.

We are proud to announce that a park in the city of Buenos Aires has been named in memory of **Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer**.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• BJ Book Group

Thursday, April 28, 7PM at 88th St.: The BJ Book Group will join with the Interfaith Committee to discuss *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson. The award-winning novel is a lyrical, passionate meditation, depicting the inner life of a religious man; it's "a beautiful work -- demanding, grave and lucid" (The New York Times).

• From Redemption to Revelation: Contemplative Practice & Social Justice Meditation Retreat

Friday, April 29 - Sunday, May 1 at Elat Chayyim: Join Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein, Rachel Cowan and Claudia Kreiman at a unique retreat to explore contemplative practice as a resource for inspiring, supporting and sustaining wise social action. Through prayer, study, song and meditation, we will develop practices and cultivate awareness so that we are kinder, more compassionate and more effective activists, able to build communities of action that support their members in working together. Information and applications online at www.bj.org or call Anne at x240 for more details.

Registrations must be completed by Tuesday, April 26th.

• Yom HaShoah 5765/2005 Service and Commemoration

Wednesday, May 4, 6:45PM, 88th St.: Please join us for this year's commemoration of Yom HaShoah. Services will include reading the names of family and friends murdered in the Shoah, followed by the screening of Menachem Daum and Oren Rudavsky's feature documentary "Hiding and Seeking." This is a film about a family's search for their lost past, guided by the words and music of Rabbi Shlomo Carlbach. Following the screening, there will be a Q & A with the film's co-director, Menachem Daum, moderated by Myriam Abramowicz. We will join other synagogues for an all-night, all-day vigil reading the names of tens of thousands of our six million Jewish martyrs at Rodeph Shalom (CPW at 83rd Street) from 10PM to 7:30AM the following day. From 8:30AM-6:00PM we will meet at the JCC (76th Street & Amsterdam Ave) for the continuation of the reciting of the names. BJ's time slot is 12:30AM. If you wish to read your family names at BJ, please call Anne at x240.

• Annual Renee Kaufman Memorial Program

Thursday, May 12, 7PM at 88th St.: "The Changing Face of the American Jewish Family." The Jewish community continues to be a diverse one, ethnically and racially, especially given the rising numbers of Jews by choice, transnational and interracial adoptions and interfaith and interracial marriages. We will explore these issues through viewing "The Promised Land: Jewish American Conversations," followed by a panel discussion of experts in the field of diversity, as to how we can help our community grow in its understanding of racial policies today and increase our ability to support all members of our Jewish community.

• BJ's 180th Celebration Community Retreat

Save the Date! **Friday, June 3 – Sunday, June 5**, at the Block & Hexter Vacation Center in Poyntelle, Pennsylvania. Don't miss out! This year's retreat promises to be a memorable one! We need your voice and spirit to make our 180th Anniversary Retreat a beautiful experience! Join us as we create an intimate environment with old and new members who are ready for a meaningful, community-oriented Shabbat in a beautiful rustic, natural setting. Enjoy spirited delicious meals, discussion and prayer with our Rabbis, Shabbat naps, a roaring campfire, kids' activities and more. Look for registration forms in the mail, at the BJ office and on line at www.bj.org soon. Please register early, as this retreat will fill up quickly! For more information, call Anne Kohn at x240.

SHABBAT B'YAHAD

• Shabbat B'Yahad Dinner with Hamidrasha: "Religion & Spirituality" in the Land of Israel

Friday, May 6, 88th St. following 6PM service: Join us for a community Shabbat dinner with our Israeli friends from Hamidrasha. Cost: \$30 members/ \$40 nonmembers. Register online at: www.bj.org or send check to BJ office marked "SBY Dinner, May 6". Sign up before the \$10 price increase on April 28. For info, call x240 or akohn@bj.org

• Shabbat B'Yahad with Dr. Arnold M. Eisen

Friday, May 13 Following services at 88th St.: Dr. Eisen is the chair of the Religious Studies Department at Stanford University. He is the author of *The Chosen People of America* and *Galut: Modern Jewish Reflection on Homelessness and Homecoming*, among others. Dr. Eisen will be discussing, "Taking Hold of Torah -- and of Israel." Cost: \$30/members; \$40/non-members. Register online at www.BJ.org or send a check made out to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. In memo section of the check, write "SBY 5/13/05". Note: All checks must be confirmed received by calling Michael at x260. Please include a phone number. Deadline is May 6. If space is available, add \$10 late fee for reservations received after deadline.

Shabbat, May 14, Dr. Eisen will be giving the D'var Torah at services. **Shabbat Study** 5:30PM at Frankel Hall: "Rethinking American Zionism." A pragmatic discussion of how we and Israel can walk together proudly into a future which we too can help to shape. All are welcome to attend.

• **SAVE THE DATE: Latin American Shabbat Dinner with Author Ben Frank Friday, May 20**, :Following services at 88th Street: Join BJ's Latin America Committee for a Latino-style Shabbat dinner with Ben Frank, author of the new "Travel Guide to the Jewish Caribbean and South America." Cost is \$30 for BJ members/\$40 for non-members (there is a \$10 surcharge after May 13th). Register online at: www.bj.org Info, call x240, or email BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com.

CREATING KEHILLAH

SINGLES

• Date Bait

Sunday, May 22, 6:30-9:30PM at 88th St.: Your favorite singles' event is back! Not once, but twice this year! Get a chance to introduce yourself, mingle, list the people you want to date and let the "Date Bait" facilitators and their computers tally up your match (participants who list each other) and then it's time to make your dates. Register online at www.BJ.org or with a credit card by calling x260. Checks can be sent to the BJ office marked "Singles Date Bait-5/22". To confirm registration, call x260 to check money was received. Cost: \$20/ members/ \$30/non-members. Deadline is May 18. \$40 at the door if space is available. For info, call Date Bait at (212) 971-1084 or Michael at x260.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• Tuv Ha'Aretz: Hazon's Community-Supported Agriculture Project

Hazon and Congregation Anshe Chesed invite you to join Tuv Ha'Aretz: Hazon's Community-Supported Agriculture Project. Tuv Ha'Aretz members support the work of Long Island-based Garden of Eve Farm by prepaying to receive 20 weeks of their organic produce. Members get delicious produce at competitive prices – the farmer gets a secure market for an entire season. Tuv Ha'Aretz offers members a chance to re-examine what it means for food to be kosher (literally "fit") - not only fit for us, but for the community and the earth. Registration is filling up quickly - register by May 15! Contact: Leah@hazon.org (212) 284-6812 or www.hazon.org

• Panim el Panim - CHILDREN'S ACTION HEVRA

We have been invited by Principal Lauvia Sherman of The Ralph Bunche School, our partner, to participate in the school's Career Fair at the end of May. [123 St. between Amsterdam Ave and Morningside Drive]. If you would like to share with students the work you do or have done, don't miss this great opportunity to visit a class, speak about your area of expertise, delight the kids, and have a great time! Come be an inspiration to our children! Please call us at x301, leave your name, phone # and we will promptly return your call with all the required information.

• Environmental Action Hevra Making Waves:

At the April 7 meeting at BJ, City Council Speaker Gifford Miller promised the congregation that he would bring the Fair Trade Coffee resolution to a vote in the City Council once it has received a hearing in the appropriate committee. Our immediate goal is to ensure that it receives that hearing by gathering support from a wide variety of community organizations. We are currently concentrating our efforts on reaching out to synagogues, churches, and mosques and asking them to write to the Chairman of the Council's International and Intergroup Relations Committee, Dominic Recchia, Jr., to express support for the resolution and requesting that he schedule a hearing. We have received favorable responses from many congregations. To get involved or learn more about fair trade, please contact us at x310.

• AIDS WALK NY 2005 - SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2004

Join us as we pray with our feet. Register on the web at WWW.AIDSWALK.NET/NEWYORK (sign up as part of team 1017 - Congregation B'nai Jeshurun). Pick up a form at the back of the sanctuary or call (212) 807-9255. For more info, please call x384.

Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow Katie Mizrahi is going to be moving to New York as she begins full time at BJ this summer. She is hoping to find a one-bedroom apartment on the upper west side to rent or sublet for the year, starting around June 1. If you have any leads, please contact her at kmizrahi@bj.org.

• The Shelter is at SPSA during Pesach!

SPSA will house the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter from Monday, April 25 through Thursday, April 28. Business as usual beginning the week of May 2. The Shelter will be at the BJ 88th Street sanctuary on Monday nights and Tuesday nights, and at SPSA on Wednesday and Thursday nights. If you would like to volunteer to sleep over, cook a meal or simply place your name on a list of substitute volunteers, please contact recruitment chair Robert Imershein at rimershein@bj.org or (212) 339-4250.

YOUTH & FAMILY EDUCATION

• Hebrew School 2005-2006 Registration Open May 2

Registration for the 2005-2006 Hebrew School year will begin after Passover. Applications will be available online on May 2. Printed materials will also be available on May 2. If you are a prospective family, we encourage you to attend the information session on April 19 and to review the information on our website.

• Save the Date: BJ'S TRIP TO ISRAEL - Family Track!

December 25, 2005 to January 3, 2006: Join Roly, Marcelo, Felicia, and Ari on a BJ-designed trip to Israel in celebration of our 180th anniversary. Be among 180 of your fellow BJ members on this historic trip, comprised of multiple tracks for varying ages. We will have a special family track, including indoor and outdoor family friendly activities tied to daily themes. You will receive details about price shortly.

BJ COMMUNITY

• Havurah 40Plus

An existing thriving couples and singles Havurah 40Plus wants to expand by adding men and couples to enjoy good conversation, song, music and dance in homes in the BJ area. We get together in a community spirit to share Shabbat dinner once a month. Please e-mail Havura40Plus@yosefa.galchen.com

• Women's Rosh Hodesh Dinner

Monday, May 9, 8PM at 88th St.: Join us for a Rosh Hodesh Women's celebration with Hamidrasha. All who attend are asked to please bring a contribution (enough for 5-8 people). Any foods, if not fruit or vegetables, must be Kosher and packaged. We expect this to be a very special evening and your presence will make it even more so. RSVP by Wednesday, May 4 - no later - to Helen Radin x233. **This dinner is open to all women members of our community**

NESSIYATAYNU - OUR JOURNEY

As BJ turns 180 -- a minyan (10) multiplied by chai (18) -- each week the Kol Jeshurun will feature an anecdote about our history. We're calling this Nesiyataynu, Our Journey, which still continues. Note: the numerical value of the letters in Nesiya is 180. Much of the information is gleaned from *A Century of Judaism in New York* by Rabbi Israel Goldstein, who served this Congregation for many years in the last century.

In May, 1825, 15 members of Congregation Shearith Israel presented to its Board of Trustees a request to use the Synagogue and Scrolls at times different from the usual hours of Service. The request was denied, and the denial was ratified by the Congregation. The organization of a new Congregation was now determined upon. Immediately following the Holy Days of 5586 (1825), a meeting was held at which the amount of \$4,000 was pledged toward the erection of a new Synagogue. Incorporation of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun followed soon thereafter.

Join us as we joyfully launch BJ's 180th Anniversary with a special benefit honoring JUDITH STERN PECK featuring JOEL GREY in performance, **Tuesday, May 24, 7:30PM** at 88th St. For more info, call x392.

- **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

BJ GOES TO ISRAEL FOR 180TH ANNIVERSARY IN DECEMBER

Join Roly, Marcelo, Felicia, and Ari on a BJ-designed trip to Israel in celebration of our 180th anniversary. We've chosen December 25 to January 3 as the dates so that the maximum number of congregants of all ages can participate in this extraordinary Israel experience. Be among 180 of your fellow BJ members on this historic trip, which will include multiple tracks for varying ages and interests. You will receive sign-up materials shortly.

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.

- **A Note from the Ushers:** For those at the Friday night service at 88th St., please bring your books to the back 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.

FOCUS ON ISRAEL

The Prayer for the State of Israel - By Rabbi Leon Morris

The prayer for the State of Israel refers to Israel as reishit tzmīhat geulateinu --- the beginning of the flowering of our redemption. The Chief Rabbis of Israel who published the text were drawing upon a claim that was made in 1949 by Orthodox religious parties who ran on a single slate in the first Israeli elections, beginning with the words: "We thank God that we have been privileged due to the abundance of God's mercies and lovingkindness to see the first buds of the beginning of redemption with the establishment of the State of Israel." Applying the beginning of redemption to the creation of the State of Israel was an assertion that God's hand was behind the establishment of the State and moreover, that the establishment of the State itself marks the beginning of Redemption.

Many contemporary Jews feel some degree of ambivalence with this phrase. On the one hand, it is vital to acknowledge the religious importance of Israel in our lives. Israel presents us with an unprecedented opportunity to translate Jewish ideas and teachings - many of which had been purely theoretical for two thousand years - into practice. It has revitalized a holistic Jewish culture and has revived the Hebrew language. On the other hand, seeing the State as a harbinger of the end of days is fraught with potential extremism, hyper-nationalism, and a disregard for democratic principles.

Perhaps the phraseology in the prayer addresses this ambivalence to some degree. It declares Israel to be reishit tzmīchat geulateinu --- the beginning of the flowering of our redemption. The phrase seems to acknowledge with deliberate hesitancy that the establishment of the State is twice removed from the day of the Messiah - it is the beginning of the flowering of redemption.

The "Focus on Israel" column is edited by Robin Fleischner (robin.fleischner@verizon.net), Co-Chair of the BJ Israel Steering Committee

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration at BJ - This year celebrate Israel's Independence Day at BJ!

- **Ambassador Martin Indyk: "Disengagement and Its Discontents: Moving Forward in the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process"**
Tuesday, May 3, 7:30PM, 88th St. Sanctuary. In co-sponsorship with the New Israel Fund we invite you to a special evening with Ambassador Martin Indyk. Ambassador Indyk, the first Jewish U.S. Ambassador to the State of Israel, is currently the Director of The Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the prestigious Brookings Institution. Free, RSVP required. Contact Rachel Lehner at rachel@nif.org or (212) 613-4400 to RSVP.
- **Shabbat B'Yahad Dinner with Hamidrasha: "Religion & Spirituality" in the Land of Israel**
Friday, May 6, 88th St. following 6PM service: Join us for a community Shabbat Dinner with our Israeli friends from Hamidrasha. Cost: \$30 members/ \$40 nonmembers. Register online at: www.bj.org or send check to BJ office marked "SBY Dinner, May 6". Sign up before the \$10 price increase on April 28. For info, call x240 or akohn@bj.org
- **Israel in Motion: Mifgash Discussion Sessions With Members of Hamidrasha**
Saturday, May 7, 86th St., Following Kiddush:
SPSA Chapel: "Peace", SPSA Parlor Room: "Connection to the Land"
Saturday, May 7, 86th St., 4:30 - 6PM
SPSA Chapel: "Jews and Arabs", SPSA Parlor Room: "Relations between Israel and the Diaspora"
- **Monday, May 9, 88th St. Sanctuary 6:30 - 8PM: "Economic Gaps",**
Rosh Hodesh 8 - 9:30PM: "Zionism, the Diaspora, Masculinity and Femininity," (This session includes a potluck dinner. For info and to RSVP call Helen Radin at x233).
- **Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration**
Wednesday, May 11, 88th St. Sanctuary, 7PM: Join us for a Yom Hazikaron service followed by a memorable celebration of Israel's Independence Day led by our friends from Hamidrasha.
- **Shabbat B'Yahad Dinner with Professor Arnie Eisen: "Taking Hold of Torah and of Israel"**
Friday, May 13, 88th St., following 6PM service: Join us for Shabbat dinner with Professor Arnie Eisen. To register go to www.bj.org (Pg 2)

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