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EMOR

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23

TRIENNIAL: Leviticus 21:1 -22:16

HAFTARA: Ezekiel 44:15 - 31

NEXT WEEK: BEHAR

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 25:1 - 26:2

TRIENNIAL: Leviticus 25:1 - 25:38

HAFTARA: Jeremiah 32:6 - 22

BJ'S 180TH ANNIVERSARY

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.

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

May 13 - 20, 2005

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FRIDAY, MAY 13

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

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 PM – 86th St.

Shabbat B'Yahad Dinner with Dr. Arnold Eisen Following services – 88th St. Frankel Hall

Singles Oneg Following services – 86th St. Social Hall

*OMER COUNT: DAY 20 BEGINS THIS EVENING

YESOD SHEBETIFERET

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Shabbat Service 9:30 AM – 86th St.

Children's Service 10:45 AM – 86th St.

Bat Mitzvah Harper Makowsky

Bat Mitzvah Abigail Lipnick

Naming Emma Lynn Block

D'var Torah Dr. Arnold Eisen (Pg. 2)

From Aleph to Taf Ceremony BJHS Kitah Bet

Community Kiddush Following service – 86th St. Social Hall

Shabbat Study with Dr. Arnold Eisen 5:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (Pg. 2)

*OMER COUNT: DAY 21 BEGINS THIS EVENING

MALKHUT SHEBETIFERET

SUNDAY, MAY 15

AIDS WALK 8:30 AM – Central Park (front page)

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.

*OMER COUNT: DAY 22 BEGINS THIS EVENING

HESED SHEBENETZAH

MONDAY, MAY 16

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

Limud: Beit Midrash

Rabbi Arthur Green

*OMER COUNT: DAY 23 BEGINS THIS EVENING

7:00 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary (Pg. 3)

GEVURAH SHEBENETZAH

TUESDAY, MAY 17

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

Gesher 5:00 PM – BJ Office

B'nai Mitzvah Parent Class 7:00 PM – 86th St. Parlor Room (Pg. 3)

*OMER COUNT: DAY 24 BEGINS THIS EVENING

TIFERET SHEBENETZAH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th St.

Spring Blood Drive 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM – 88th St.

*OMER COUNT: DAY 25 BEGINS THIS EVENING

NETZAH SHEBENETZAH

THURSDAY, MAY 19

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

*OMER COUNT: DAY 26 BEGINS THIS EVENING

HOD SHEBENETZAH

FRIDAY, MAY 20

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

AIDS Walk NY 2005 (AWNY 2005)

"JOIN US AS WE PRAY WITH OUR FEET" **Sunday, May 15, 8:30 AM** in Central Park: B'nai Jeshurun / Tehillah Awny 2005 Team will meet at the Gold Team Registration area in Rumsey Field (above and behind the Naumberg bandshell). BJ and Tehillah members and non-members who are not registered by the day of the walk may register at the BJ/Tehillah table. For additional information go to: www.aidswalk.net/newyork, www.bj.org or call x384. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR TIMETABLE AND INSTRUCTIONS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAH'EM

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

- Herschel Goldfield and Sarah Globus, Ori and Vivian Goldfield on the death of Herschel's beloved mother, Priscilla Goldfield.
- Gladys Reich-Gansl and Michael Gansl on the death of Gladys' beloved father, Eugene Reich.
- Paul Heller, Ruth Acker and Michael Heller on the death of Paul's beloved mother, Magda Heller.
- Larry, Susan, Jason and Emily Chinitz on the death of Larry's beloved father, Sol Chinitz.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Harper, Russell Makowsky and Melanie Katzman on Harper becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Abigail, Jonathan, Noah, Daniella Lipnick and Susan Scheuer on Abigail becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- David, Elizabeth, Daniel and Shoshana Block on the naming of their daughter and sister, Emma Lynn Block.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Arthur and Leslie Nemitoff and Confirmation Class, Temple Congregation B'nai Jehudah, Overland Park, Kansas
- Rabbi Stefan Weinberg, Congregation Anshai Torah, Plano, Texas.

- Rabbi Paul Steinberg, Wende Weinberg, Program Director and Barbara Carr, Middle School Counselor and 7th grade Solomon Schechter Academy of Dallas.
- Rachel Leah Cohen, Director of Milken Community HS - "Cast of With One Voice" Jewish Identity Tour - 8th grade students -Los Angeles, CA.
- Main Line Reform Temple Oranim Educational Initiatives, Wynnewood, PA.
- Havurah Philadelphia - Richard Berman.
- Lynn Golub-Rofrano, Director of Lifelong Learning with Hebrew Chai School Students and Post-Confirmands Tifereth Israel, Washington, DC.

This weeks' Community Kiddush is sponsored by:

- *Melanie Katzman and Russell Makowsky and Jonathon Lipnick and Susan Scheuer in honor of their daughters, Harper Makowsky and Abigail Lipnick becoming B'not Mitzvah.*
- *David Block and Elizabeth Lynn in honor of the naming of their daughter, Emma Lynn Block.*
- *The Hebrew School in honor of their 2nd graders.*

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• BJ's Annual Meeting

Please join us for our BJ annual meeting on **Thursday, June 2** at 7PM in the 88th St. Sanctuary. We will be updating the congregation on the progress of Realizing our Vision 2 [strategic plan] and voting in the new slate of nominees for the 2005/06 Board of Trustees.

• BJ's 180th Celebration Community Retreat

Friday, June 3 – Sunday, June 5, at the Block & Hexter Vacation Center in Poyntelle, Pennsylvania. 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 delicious meals, discussions and prayers with our Rabbis, Shabbat naps, a roaring campfire, kids' activities and much more. Registration forms are in the mail and at the BJ office. Please register early, as this retreat will fill up quickly! For more information, call Anne Kohn at x240.

SHABBAT B'YAHAD

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

Friday, May 13: If you have registered, please join us following services in Frankel Hall. Dr Eisen will discuss "Taking Hold of Torah -- and of Israel: Revitalizing Torah, Rebuilding Community."

Shabbat, May 14: Dr. Eisen will be giving the D'var Torah at services. The topic will be: "Leviticus, Sacred Order, and the Messiness of Everyday Life."

Shabbat Study 5:30PM at Frankel Hall: "Rethinking American Zionism." A pragmatic discussion with Dr. Eisen on how we and Israel can walk together proudly into a future which we too can help to shape. All are welcome to attend.

• Latin American Shabbat Dinner with Author Ben Frank

Friday, May 20, 7:30PM 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." Mr. Frank will share tales about some of the lesser-known Jewish communities in Latin America. The dinner will take place in Frankel Hall immediately following the 6PM service. Cost: \$30 BJ members/\$40 non-members (\$10 surcharge after May 13). Our dinners always sell out, so sign up early. Register online at www.bj.org For further information, email BJLatinAmerica@yahoo.com or x240.

• Hakhnasat Orhim's Community Shabbat Dinner

Friday, June 10: Following the 6PM service at Frankel Hall: Join Ari & your BJ friends for an evening of joyful singing with plenty of time left for dancing and schmoozing. Cost: \$30 BJ members. To register: call x304 and follow instructions. Pay online at www.bj.org or send a check made out to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. In memo section of the check, write "HO 6/10/05". Mail check to: Congregation B'nai Jeshurun (address below), Attn: Carol. Include a phone number. After June 6, add a \$10 late fee. As this is a community-building event, non-members will be included after June 6, space remaining. Cost: \$40 non-members. For info, call Elana Weinberg at Hospitality@bj.org or x351.

• Shabbat Part 3: Tze'irim 20s/30s Year-End Potluck Shabbat Dinner

Friday, June 10: Following 7PM service at 86th St. Social Hall: Singles and couples, members and non-members in their 20s and 30s are all welcome! We are looking forward to ending the year together, and sharing Shabbat in a fun and meaningful way as a community. Sign up online starting on May 15. Dinner will be free, but you will be asked to bring either a main dish, side dish, challah, drinks, or dessert. For info, contact Kliel (Krose@bj.org) or Felicia (Fsol@bj.org).

CREATING KEHILLAH

SINGLES

• **Singles Oneg:** come shmooze with us following 7PM service at 86 St!

• **Date Bait**

Sunday, May 22, 6:30-9:30PM at 88th St.: Get a chance to introduce yourself, mingle, list the people you want to date and let the "Dait 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 Dait 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.

• **SAVE THE DATE:** Comedy Night June 18! Doors open 9PM. More details online.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

Yasher Koah! B'nai Jeshurun was awarded the annual Faith in Action Award from New York Jobs with Justice for our outstanding efforts to build an active congregation and lay leadership through Panim el Panim and our action hevras. A special Yasher Koah to the Social Action/Social Justice Task Force, Hevra Leaders and dozens of activists who make this work happen at BJ!

• **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 on May 23rd [123 St. between Amsterdam Ave and Morningside Drive] between 9 and 11:00AM. to talk to a class about your work. The presentation of 20 - 30 minutes should be child friendly and include a little about yourself, your occupation, its requirements, and time for questions and answers. Please email your willingness to be part of this event to Allison Mathurin, School Counselor, at amathurin2000@yahoo.com or Ruth Joseph, CAH coordinator, at rjoseph@aaahawk.com.

YOUTH & FAMILY EDUCATION

• **Parent Class on Blessing the Moment of Bar/Bat Mitzvah**

Two Tuesdays, May 17 and 31, 7 to 8:30PM, 86th St. Parlor Room. Parents of children who will become b'nai mitzvah in the next year are invited to join Rabbi Felicia Sol and Director of Education Hollis Gauss for a two-part class about the traditional blessing a father would say the moment his son became bar mitzvah. We will explore the history of this blessing and parents will have an opportunity to write their own blessing, which they can give their child the week he or she is called to the Torah for the first time. Free, registration required. Register at www.bj.org or x221, **CODE: 591.**

• **Hebrew School 2005-2006 Registration Open**

Registration for the 2005-2006 Hebrew School year is now open. Applications are available to submit online or to download and print.

• **Contributions for BJHS Teacher Gifts Due May 16**

Hebrew School families -- this is a gentle reminder to contribute to the Teachers' Gifts fund. This money is disbursed to all of our wonderful teachers as a thank you gift from the Hebrew School parents for the commitment the teachers have made to our children. The suggested contribution is \$15-20 per child in Hebrew School, although any amount is welcome! The teachers will be presented with their gifts at the end of the school year. Cash contributions can be brought to the Hebrew School office at Heschel, and checks can be brought in or mailed to the BJ office.

LIMUD

• **BEIT MIDRASH**

An intensive two night text-based learning session including an introductory shiur (class) and beit midrash style learning. Bring a hevruta partner or find someone when you arrive and be guided through texts by these extraordinary teachers of our time.

Rabbi Arthur Green

The topic will be *'The Mystic's Path to Sinai'*

2 Mondays, (May 16 and 23), 7-9:30PM at 88th Street Sanctuary
CODE: 598. Cost: \$25/\$35 for one session, \$40/\$60 for both sessions. Call x221 to register.

HAVUROT

• **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

• **Young Women's Havurah Formation**

Are you a woman in your 20's and 30's looking to meet other young women in the BJ community? Contact Cynthia Epstein at cynthia_beth@yahoo.com or Stacey Shubitz at shubey@gmail.com to learn more about the Young Women's Havurah that is being formed. (We are planning to meet at least once a month for a potluck Shabbat dinner and/or Jewish learning after the late service).

BJ COMMUNITY

BJ wants to extend its deepest gratitude to the many members who so graciously offered to open their home to others for the Passover seders. With the help of their tremendous generosity, we were able to place close to 50 members in need of a seder!!

A special thanks to: Joyce Gottleib, Ruth Jarmul and Irv Rosenthal, Joy Sardinsky, Sonny Greenwald, Susan Green, Muriel Zuckerman and Melvin Zuckman, Julian and Esther Rivka Wolpert, Marcia Annenberg and Robert Scher, Barbara Goldman, Mim Warden, David Zagorsky, Rabbi Leon Morris and Dassie Berkowitz, Esther Kanowitz, Karen Adler and Larry Greenwald, Amy Moses, Sara Levine and Phil Freedman, Shirly Dorfman, Leah Peskin, Lauel Kallen and Michael Piazza, Ilene Rosenthal and Louis Geser, Elenor Radzivilover, Rabbi Joseph and Devorah Telushkin, Hindy and Alex Kisch, Lenore Ruben, Carrie Harris, Estare and David Weiser.

• **Bikkur Holim Visiting and Telephone Skills Teaching**

Tuesday, May 31, 7:30PM at 88th St. Join Bikkur Holim Committee members to learn about Bikkur Holim visiting and telephone skills with Marc Kramer, Ed. D, Executive Director of Ravsak: The Jewish Community Day School Network and Vicki Rosenstreich, LMSW, of JBFCs. Free and open to all members of the BJ community. To register, call x308 and leave your name and phone number.

• **Ledor Vador Legacy Shabbat Luncheon**

Saturday, June 18, 88th St. Frankel Hall following Shabbat services: Join us for our final intergenerational luncheon before the summer hiatus. BJ member Barbara Goldman will share her story of how she brought her 94-year-old mother back to Poland to find the house where she grew up and the cemetery where some of her family was buried. Many years after fleeing Nazi and Communist Hungary, BJ social worker Susan Kalev and her mother made the long trip back to reconnect with their roots and memories. Both women will recount their experiences. RSVP at x334, leaving the names of those who will be attending. Send a check for \$15/member or \$18/non-member with "Ledor Vador 6/18" on the memo line. Children are welcome to attend free of charge.

MASA'EINU - OUR JOURNEY

As BJ turns 180, each week the Kol Jeshurun will feature an anecdote about our history. We're calling this masa'enu. 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.

By 1837, the Elm Street Synagogue space proved inadequate. During the Holy Days, a room had to be engaged to accommodate the overflow Congregation. Membership increased steadily from about 30 in 1827 to nearly 150 in 1850. Expenditures during the decade from 1840-1850 came to around \$5,000 per year. (Adjusted for inflation, that's about \$99,000 in today's dollars, or one-fiftieth of the 2005 budget!)

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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 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

Book Review by Robin Fleischner

A STORY OF LOVE AND DARKNESS

by Amos Oz Translated from the Hebrew by Nicholas de Lange

In his heartbreaking and luminous memoir, Amos Oz tells the story of his childhood and early adolescence in Jerusalem under the British Mandate and shortly after Israel's founding. At once deeply personal and powerfully universal, his story is emblematic of so many Israelis of his generation, and of all refugees. Oz's wealthy, intellectual grandparents and parents fled Eastern Europe for Palestine, where they faced poverty and disappointment, yet realized their lofty Zionist dreams. His father, a frustrated scholar at a time when professors outnumbered students, was forced to work as a librarian. His mother's crippling depression and ultimate suicide overshadowed Oz's childhood with unbearable sadness.

Oz's vivid descriptions of Jerusalem make the golden stones, exotic historic architecture, and colorful neighborhoods come alive, as though one is walking beside him in pre-Israel Palestine on his way to school, on long Shabbat afternoon pilgrimages to visit his father's famous uncle, Joseph Klausner, or escaping the tortured atmosphere at home. The seeds of his writing talent are nurtured by a deep childhood relationship with his teacher, Zelda, who was to become one of Israel's great poets. One of the most beautiful passages in the book depicts the night that the United Nations votes for partition, when the young Oz touches the joyous tears running down his father's cheeks while they lay together in the dark. His depiction of living through the harrowing siege of Jerusalem during the War of Independence, which followed, illuminates the beauty and strife of the modern city.

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

SIGN UP FOR BJ'S TRIP TO ISRAEL!!!

Be one of 180 members of all ages to join Roly, Marcelo, Felicia, and Ari on a BJ-designed trip to Israel from 12/25/05-1/3/06 in celebration of our 180th anniversary. Spend Hanukkah and Shabbat with our Israeli partners having fun, praying, learning and lighting candles together. Each day will be dedicated to a specific theme, including, Jerusalem – a Multi-Ethnic City, Revisiting Ancient and Modern Classics, Arts and Culture, and Social Justice. A small sample of the activities planned includes: savoring delicious Jewish-Kurdish food, touring the New Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, dialoguing with future and new recruits of the Israeli Army (for teens!), walking through historic neighborhoods of Tel Aviv, learning about Israeli history through wine tasting, exploring Mini-Israel--the largest miniature park in the world (great for kids!), participating in tikkun olam projects around Jerusalem, studying questions of justice and peace with leading scholars, listening to a performance by popular Israeli musicians, and experiencing the uniqueness of a kibbutz hotel. This historic trip is sure to be one of the highlights of the year.

Registration materials are in the mail. Sign-up deadline is June 17, 2005. Registration will continue thereafter on a space-available basis and for an extra fee. For more information, contact Andrea, x327.

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