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May 20 - 27, 2005

11 - 18 Iyar, 5765

BEHAR

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 25:1 - 26:2

TRIENNIAL: Leviticus 25:1 - 25:38

HAFTARA: Jeremiah 32:6 - 22

NEXT WEEK: BEHUKOTAI

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 26:3 - 27:34

TRIENNIAL: Leviticus 26:3 - 27:15

HAFTARA: Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:14

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

CHILDREN'S ACTION HEVRA

So That Children Can Begin to Envision a Future . . .

Our partners at the Ralph Bunche School have invited BJ's participation in Career Awareness Week. If you have an interesting career and would like to share it with children, you are asked to come to the school on May 23, 9AM - 11AM 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. A continental breakfast for participants will be available from 8:25 - 8:55AM in the school library.

Please email your willingness to be part of this important event to Ruth Joseph at rjoseph@aaahawk.com

FRIDAY, MAY 20

Tot Shabbat

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

BJHS Zayin Moving On Ceremony

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Latin America Dinner

*OMER COUNT: DAY 27 BEGINS THIS EVENING

5:45 PM – 86th St.

6:00 PM – 88th St.

during 6:00 PM service

7:00 PM – 86th St.

Following 6 PM service – 88th St. Frankel Hall

YESOD SHEBENETZAH

SATURDAY, MAY 21

Shabbat Service

Children's Service

Bar Mitzvah

Speaker

BJ Israel Trip Information Session

Bar Mitzvah

*OMER COUNT: DAY 28 BEGINS THIS EVENING

9:30 AM – 86th St.

10:45 AM – 86th St.

Jacob Ross

Daphna Mor

12:30PM – 86th St.

Zachary Miller, 7:00 PM – 88th St.

MALKHUT SHEBENETZAH

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Morning Minyan

*OMER COUNT: DAY 29 BEGINS THIS EVENING

9:30 AM – 88th St.

HESED SHEBEHOD

MONDAY, MAY 23

Morning Minyan

Limud: Beit Midrash

Rabbi Arthur Green

*OMER COUNT: DAY 30 BEGINS THIS EVENING

7:30 AM – 88th St.

7:00 PM – 86th St. (Pg. 3)

GEVURAH SHEBEHOD

TUESDAY, MAY 24

Morning Minyan

Gesher

BJ's 180th Anniversary Benefit

honoring Judith Stern Peck

*OMER COUNT: DAY 31 BEGINS THIS EVENING

7:30 AM – 88th St.

5:00 PM – BJ Office

7:30 PM – 88th St.

TIFERET SHEBEHOD

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

Morning Minyan

Kesharim

*OMER COUNT: DAY 32 BEGINS THIS EVENING

7:30 AM – 88th St.

2:00 PM – 88th St.

NETZAH SHEBEHOD

THURSDAY, MAY 26

Morning Minyan

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

BJ Israel Trip Information Session

*OMER COUNT: DAY 33 BEGINS THIS EVENING

LAST DAY BJHS

7:30 AM – 88th St.

12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

7:00 PM – 88th St.

HOD SHEBEHOD

FRIDAY, MAY 27

Morning Minyan

LAG B'OMER

7:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ'S COMMUNITY RETREAT IS LESS THAN 3 WEEKS AWAY!!

Personal Retreat Reflections

"This year will be my 6th retreat. I am 6 3/4 years old. My favorite memory is the Saturday night bonfire. The bonfire is really excellent -- it's the biggest one we go to all year. Todd, Roly and other people play music and everybody sings. We eat s'mores and stay up late, of course. If you are a part of BJ, you should go on the retreat."

-Matthew Arons as told to Penny Arons

To register and for details, please go to page 2...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAH'EM

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

- Robert Buxbaum, Sonia Gluckman and Evan Buxbaum on the death of Robert's beloved father, Alan Buxbaum.
- Leah Zimmerman, Jeffrey and Leila Sacks on the death of Leah's beloved grandmother, Blanche Zimmerman.
- Amy Moses on the death of her beloved uncle, Bobby Singer.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Jacob, David, Matthew Ross and Carol Glazer on Jacob becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Zachary, Ian and Laura Miller on Zachary becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Fretta Reitzes, Alexandra Reitzes and Luis Lopez on the birth of their grandson and son, Nicholas Joaquin Lopez Reitzes.
- Joanne and Frederick Siegmund, Stephanie Siegmund and Karen Krop on the birth of their grandson and son, Eli Benjamin Krop-Siegmund.
- Stephen Stulman, James and Stacey Stulman on the birth of their granddaughter and daughter, Eliza Danielle.

- Svetlana and Alon Bochman on the birth of their daughter, Rachel Alice Bochman.
- To all BJ members and their families who are graduating at this time.
- Anne Millman, co-chair of the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter, who has been selected as a recipient for the Partnership of the Homeless Annual Volunteer Award.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Michael Stroh and congregants, Temple Har Zion, Toronto, Canada.
- Joint group of students, Leo Baeck School of Haifa and Rashi School of Boston.
- Participants in the G'vanim program from Israel.

This week's flowers for the Bima have been sponsored by Martha Hatleberg in honor of Rise Dimson's 60th Birthday.

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 online and at the BJ office. Register today - less than 3 week left! For more information, call Anne Kohn at x240.

SHABBAT B'YAHAD

• Latin American Shabbat Dinner with Author Ben Frank

Friday, May 20, 7:30PM at 88th Street: If you have registered, please 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."

• 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, depending on remaining space. 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: Join other 20- and 30-somethings (singles and couples) for an amazing Shabbat experience. We will celebrate together after the late service with a great potluck meal, music and good friends – it's a wonderful opportunity to get to know other members of our community in their twenties and thirties. There is no charge for this meal, but you must bring one or more of the following: a dairy or vegetarian main dish or side dish, challah, dessert or drinks. We will especially need main courses and side dishes. Sign up at <http://www.bj.org> click on Upcoming Events on the left side, and scroll down to Tze'irim Shabbat dinner.

BJ'S TRIP TO ISRAEL

• BJ Israel Trip Information Sessions

Completed registration forms are already pouring in for BJ's 180th Anniversary Israel Trip 12/25/05-1/3/06! Come hear how you can be a part of this historic BJ adventure. Information sessions will be held periodically until the signup deadline of June 17, 2005. This week's sessions: **Saturday, May 21** (12:30PM, 86th St., open to all - focus on Adult trip activities) and **Thursday May 26** (7PM, 88th St., open to all - focus on Family/Teen trip activities). For all Israel trip questions, contact Andrea x327.

Lekhi Lakh

Words and Music by Debbie Friedman

!Lekhi lakh, to a land that I will show you,
!Lekh lekha, to a place you do not know,
!Lekhi lakh, on your journey I will bless you,
!And you shall be a blessing (3x), lekhi lakh.

!Lekhi lakh, and I shall make your name great,
!Lekh lekha, and all shall praise your name,
!Lekhi lakh, to a land that I will show you,
!Lesimhat hayim (3x), lekhi lakh.

SINGLES

• **Singles' Comedy Night**

Saturday, June 18 at 9PM at 88th St: Join us for Club Comedy, a great night out to laugh and mingle. Doors open at 9PM. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will kick off the night, followed by five great comedienne (TBA). 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' Comedy Night - 6/18," but you must confirm check was received with Michael to be registered. COST: \$25/members; \$35/non-members. DEADLINE: Wednesday, June 13. \$10 late fee after the deadline or at the door if space is available.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **Panim el Panim: After the 4/7 Forum:****Health Care Security Act Update and Action Alert**

Six weeks ago, we packed BJ with 700 individuals who wanted to see change in health care access for working New Yorkers and change in how we respond as a community to make a difference in our world. At our forum, Speaker of the NYC Council Gifford Miller responded from not having a position on this important legislation to supporting the Health Care Security Act "in fact and in principle." This was a major step forward for the campaign. Now, 6 weeks later, Miller has publicly agreed to sign on as a co-sponsor of the bill and indicated that he intends to bring it to the floor for a vote. A second city council hearing on the bill is now scheduled for **Thursday, June 9**, the next critical step in the approval process.

What you can do right now: 1. Call Speaker Miller's office at (212) 535-5554 to applaud him on his decision to co-sponsor the bill, and let him know that as a member of B'nai Jeshurun you will work to make sure it passes. 2. Mark your calendar for June 9 to participate in the rally before the second hearing. Get involved! Call us at x302.

YOUTH & FAMILY EDUCATION

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

Tuesday, May 31, 7 - 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 the second of 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.

LIMUD

• **BEIT MIDRASH**

Join us for the second of two intensive text-based learning sessions with Rabbi Arthur Green. Bring a *hevruta* partner or find someone when you arrive and be guided through texts by an extraordinary teacher of our time.

PLEASE NOTE: the class has been moved to 86th St. Sanctuary Rabbi Arthur Green

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

Monday, May 23, 7-9:30PM at SP5A - **86th Street Sanctuary**

CODE: 598. Cost: \$25/\$35 for the session. Call x221 to register.

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

BJ COMMUNITY

• **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. 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.

• **Jewish Renewal Retreat: Save the Date!**

Jewish Renewal Retreat: Aleph Kallah, Johnstown, PA, July 25-31, website: www.aleph.org Re-enter Judaism, experience Jewish renewal, learn in general, daven, meet a soulmate. Rich diversity of people. For info, contact alephajr@aol.com or www.aleph.org

• **New Generations 10th Annual Benefit,**

Thursday, June 16, 8PM at Glo, (431 West 16th St.): In celebration and support of the New Israel Fund's work to promote justice and equality for all Israel's citizens. Join us for an evening of fun music, an elegant buffet (kosher) and open bar, great company, and raffle prizes. Over the past nine years, the New Generations Benefit has become the premiere annual event for progressive Jewish professionals drawing 500 people and raising over \$100,000 for the New Israel Fund. For info, call (212) 613-4400 or www.nif.org/nycbenefit

• **Jewish Community Day of Learning: Save Darfur, Sudan**

Sunday, June 26, 1-3:30PM: Please join the New York City Jewish community in an afternoon dedicated to raising funds for Emergency Relief in Darfur, Sudan, discussing strategies for activism, and reflecting on Jewish issues raised by the ongoing crisis. All funds raised will benefit the American Jewish World Service's Sudan Emergency Appeal.

Sponsored by: The American Jewish World Service, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, and The Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies. Contact sudanevent@yahoo.com for info.

HAVUROT

• **Havurah 40Plus**

Friday, June 10: 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).

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'einu. 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 September of 1832, a Jewish butcher was suspected of misrepresenting meat as being Kosher. The information was communicated by Shearith Israel to B'nai Jeshurun and the matter was publicly announced in the Synagogue.

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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 Amir Shaviv

Operation Solomon by Stephen Spector (Oxford University Press)

This coming week is the 14th anniversary of Operation Solomon -- the daring rescue that brought 15,000 Ethiopian Jews from Addis Ababa to Israel in a 36 hour airlift. The Government of Israel, together with American Jewish organizations, achieved a breathtaking victory that stunned the world. Nations and leaders paused to admire the combined power of global Jewish unity. The sky, in this case, was indeed the limit -- and we all reached it.

A brand new book, Operation Solomon, by Stephen Spector (Oxford University Press) documents the saga of this operation, unveiling in detail secret negotiations, clandestine operations, a spider web of intrigue and world-spinning events that were the making of the heroic 36 hour operation. I was fortunate to play a small part in the planning of the operation in 1991, as a staff member of the Joint Distribution Committee. I can still feel the euphoria of the day, the tears of joy and pride we all shared.

Reading the book now, fourteen years later, brings to my mind some forgotten -- or even unknown details -- that the author skillfully unearthed. The story reads like a real-life thriller, a good enough reason to buy the book. However, the book also reminds us of the power of Jewish genius when united and dedicated to doing good. At this moment, when Jews in Israel are stretching their muscles and investing effort in divisive activities, one feels consolation in reading about the past achievements at the center of the book.

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.

The cost per person for this trip is \$2700, with potential minor adjustments for children and singles paying the single supplement. Need-based scholarships are available.

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.

Information sessions taking place this week! See page 2 of this KJ for more dates and times!

PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY FOR FLYERS AND MORE INFO ON:

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