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May 27 - June 3, 2005

18 - 25 Iyar, 5765

FRIDAY, MAY 27	LAG B'OMER
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 PM – 88th St.
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:00 PM – 86th St.
*OMER COUNT: DAY 34 BEGINS THIS EVENING	YESOD SHEBEHOD
SATURDAY, MAY 28	
Shabbat Service	9:30 AM – 86th St.
Children's Service	10:45 AM – 86th St.
Naming	Madelyn Leora Tavel
Bar Mitzvah	Jacob Bratman
Bat Mitzvah	Sara Ginsberg
*OMER COUNT: DAY 35 BEGINS THIS EVENING	MALKHUT SHEBEHOD
SUNDAY, MAY 29	
Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88th St.
*OMER COUNT: DAY 36 BEGINS THIS EVENING	HESED SHEBEYESOD
MONDAY, MAY 30	MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED
Morning Minyan	9:30 AM – 88th St.
*OMER COUNT: DAY 37 BEGINS THIS EVENING	GEVURAH SHEBEYESOD
TUESDAY, MAY 31	
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Gesher	5:00 PM – BJ Office
B'nai Mitzvah Parent Class	7:00 PM – 86th St. (Pg. 3)
Bikkur Holim Teaching	7:30 PM – 88th St. (Pg. 3)
*OMER COUNT: DAY 38 BEGINS THIS EVENING	TIFERET SHEBEYESOD
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1	
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Kesharim	2:00 PM – 88th St.
*OMER COUNT: DAY 39 BEGINS THIS EVENING	NETZAH SHEBEYESOD
THURSDAY, JUNE 2	
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.
Judith Bernstein Lunch Program	12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
BJ's Annual Meeting	7:00 PM – 88th St. (Pg. 2)
*OMER COUNT: DAY 40 BEGINS THIS EVENING	HOD SHEBEYESOD
FRIDAY, JUNE 3	
Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.

BEHUKOTAI

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 26:3 - 27:34

TRIENNIAL: Leviticus 26:3 - 27:15

HAFTARAH: Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:14

NEXT WEEK: BEMIDBAR

MEVAREKHM HA'HODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Numbers 1:1 - 4:20

TRIENNIAL: Leviticus 1:1 - 1:54

HAFTARAH: Hosea 2:1 - 22

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

Meeting, greeting, seating. This summer, we're counting on you to help.

Summer is coming, along with only one Friday night service at 7PM and our regular Shabbat morning service at 9:30AM at 88th St. We want to continue building our kehillah kedoshah (holy community) throughout the summer and you can make this happen.

If you can commit to two Fridays and/or Saturdays this summer, we urgently need your help ushering. Many of our "regulars" are away on vacation for part of the summer and this is your chance to step up to the plate, meet and greet your community and fulfill the mitzvah of hakhnasat orh'im (welcoming our guests).

This is really important. Please make a commitment and contact Helen Radin, x233 or hradin@bj.org Or see Friday 88th St. Head Usher Jeff Yablonka or Saturday Head Usher Glenda Frank after services. We look forward to welcoming you to the mitzvah of greeting our congregants.

PLEASE NOTE:

BJ Hebrew School is now closed for summer vacation. Classes will resume on Monday, September 12, 2005.

BJ'S COMMUNITY RETREAT IS LESS THAN A WEEK AWAY!!

Personal Retreat Reflections

"Some of my favorite retreat memories: * being distracted during Shabbat morning services by the reflection of clouds on the lake and the sounds of ducks having breakfast * three days of excellent conversations followed by equally good desserts, especially the hot fudge sundae on Saturday night * lots of singing in the sun, rain, and dew..."

-Harriet Goren

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAHEM

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

- Dennis and Joel H. Neier on the death of their beloved mother, Kitty Neier.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Jacob, Fred, Emma Bratman and Robin Steinberg on Jacob becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Sara, Ira Ginsberg and Cindy Lachow on Sara becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Eric and Stacy Tavel on the naming of their daughter, Madelyn Leora Tavel.
- Amiram and Natalia Blachman on their recent wedding.
- Susan Baer and Warren Usdin on their recent engagement.

- Les Judd and Pamela Keyzer on their recent engagement.
- Blanche Saia's appointment as an emerita faculty member of the Graduate School of Bank Street College of Education and their establishment of the Blanche Saia Scholarship Fund.
- David Lansky and Sara Goldstein on the birth of their 5th great-grandchild.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Laibson and students, Temple Israel, Long Beach, CA.
- Students and teachers, Tarbut V'Torah School Irvine, CA.

Congratulations to Trudi Levine and Sharon Messitte for organizing the Spring Blood Drive, and the 45 donors who gave their time to save lives!

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

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!!

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! For info, call Anne Kohn at x240.

SHABBAT B'YAHAD

• Haknusat 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.

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.)

LEDOR VADOR

• 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.

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 or x321.

CREATING KEHILLAH

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 four 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
Come to a Rally and Press Conference At City Hall to Support HCSA, Thursday, June 9, 11:15AM

At our April 7 Forum, BJ and our coalition partners turned out more than 700 people to urge NYC Council President Gifford Miller to take a stand on legislation that will provide access to health care for working New Yorkers. Speaker Miller edged from having no public position to supporting HCSA "in fact and in principle." This was an important step forward. Now he has signed on as a co-sponsor of the bill, and has said he will bring it to the City Council for a vote. A second City Council hearing is scheduled for June 9. This is the next critical step in the approval process.

What you can do: Join Rabbi Roly Matalon, who will speak at the Press Conference, and 50 BJ members. Get involved! Call x302 to RSVP for June 9. Call Speaker Miller's office at (212) 535-5554 and applaud his decision to co-sponsor the bill. Let him know that as a B'nai Jeshurun member you will work for its passage.

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.

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.

• 3rd North American Chevra Kadisha Conference,

Columbia University Hillel, **June 5-7.** Panels and training demonstrations on tahara, working with bereaved families, facilitating funerals and burials, synagogue and communal organizing resources and techniques, text study, etc. Rabbi Felicia Sol will participate in a panel on June 6. For further information and online registration, go to www.jewish-funerals.org

• Diaspora Drama Group's Production of "Carcass"

June 9 - 26, Common Basis Theatre at 750 Eighth Avenue (46th Street): Diaspora Drama Group is presenting a production of Peretz Hirshbein's play "Carcass", Thursdays through Saturdays at 8PM and Sundays at 3PM. The group will also introduce a series of staged readings in June. The first reading will be **Tuesday, June 7** at 8PM: "Yosl Rakover Speaks to God" by Zvi Kolitz. This reading will be directed and performed by Vivian Matalon. The mission of the Diaspora Drama Group is to present English translations and adaptations of Yiddish classics. Tickets for Carcass are \$15, Suggested donation of \$10 for the Staged Readings. For tickets, (212) 868-4444 or www.smarttix.com For info, www.diasporadrama.org

• The 16th Annual Human Rights Watch International Film Festival

All films are screened at the Lincoln Center's Walter Reade Theatre, (165 West 65th St.):

Saturday, June 11, 1PM, WALL (Mur) (New York Premiere) Simone Bitton, France Israel 2004 100m. 35mm, documentary. In Hebrew and Arabic with English subtitles: Simone Bitton, etches a haunting portrait of one of the most controversial barriers of our time: the wall of separation constructed by Israel. With masterful restraint, Bitton both abstracts her subject and extracts its keys contradiction as a strangulating protector of life.

Sunday, June 12, 6:45PM, STILL LIFE Cynthia Mandansky, USA 15m, 35mm, documentary English: Detail of landscapes in the Palestinian territories, reduced to rubble, reveal the destructive effects of the occupation. Co-presented by Makor. Box Office (212) 875-5600. Visit www.filmlinc.com for online ticket purchases. For a complete schedule of films and showtimes, visit www.hrw.org.iff

• 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 kosher buffet 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.

• 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

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 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. 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.

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.

THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM!

The following members of our BJ community are already 100% committed to going on our upcoming trip to Israel. Their leadership and participation in this historic, fun-filled adventure is much appreciated!

Ted Becker; Marcelo Bronstein; Robin Fleischner and Ted Metzger; Donna Freireich; Rochelle Friedlich; Harriet R. Goren; Miriam and Sam Hersher; Leslie and Joy Hyman; Robert, Margie, Rachel, Jordana, and Julia Imershein; Stephen and Susan Kippur; Ann Landesman, James Wagman, Adam Wagman, and Tess Wagman; Andy, Sara, Rebecca and David Litt; Dr. Enrique Malamud and Dr. Jaime Szpigiel; Roly Matalon; Elaine D. Nevins; Andrea Newman; Sara, Mathew, Mimi, Joseph, and Max Pasternak-Levine; Marie Peterson; Deborah Pinsky; Ari, Aaron, and Mariel Priven; Nirdi, Sandy and Nurie Relis; Sheila Salama and Samuel Schnapps; Andrea Siegel; Barbara Simon; Alan Slifka*; Sydell S.Sloan; Felicia Sol; Carol Weissman.

*Hosting BJ at his home in Yemin Moshe one evening during the trip.

We will continue to publish this list in Kol Jeshurun until we fill the 180 slots available. Within two weeks after sending out our registration materials, we are already almost 1/3 full; please let us know soon whether we can add YOUR name to this list!

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. A short information session about the trip will be offered immediately following BJ's Annual Meeting on June 2nd at 88th St

Registration materials have been sent in the mail to all BJ members. 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 at x327.

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

• Welcome to BJ • Membership at BJ • Membership Packets • BJ Annual Catalogue • Limud Catalogue • Bikkur Holim • New Havurot Applications