



BEMIDBAR

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TRIENNIAL Numbers 1:1 - 1:54
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SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

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 x396 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.

RABBIS

Marshall T. Meyer (1985-1993)
 J. Rolando Matalon • Marcelo R. Bronstein • Felicia L. Sol
CANTOR & MUSIC DIRECTOR
 Ari Priven

MARSHALL T. MEYER RABBINIC FELLOWS
 Rabbi Kliel Rose • Katie Mizrahi

June 3 - 10, 2005

25 Iyar - 3 Sivan, 5765

FRIDAY, JUNE 3 Kabbalat Shabbat Family Service Wandering Minyan Kabbalat Shabbat Service *OMER COUNT: DAY 41 BEGINS THIS EVENING	BJ COMMUNITY RETREAT 6:00 PM – 88th St. 6:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall 7:00 PM – 86th St. YESOD SHEBEYESOD
SATURDAY, JUNE 4 Shabbat Service Children's Service Bat Mitzvah Bat Mitzvah *OMER COUNT: DAY 42 BEGINS THIS EVENING	BJ COMMUNITY RETREAT 9:30 AM – 86th St. 10:45 AM – 86th St. Taia Antonia Brooks Kwinter Nina Smilow – 6:00 PM, 88th St. MALKHUT SHEBEYESOD
SUNDAY, JUNE 5 Morning Minyan *OMER COUNT: DAY 43 BEGINS THIS EVENING	BJ COMMUNITY RETREAT 9:30 AM – 88th St. HESED SHEBEMALKUT
MONDAY, JUNE 6 Morning Minyan *OMER COUNT: DAY 44 BEGINS THIS EVENING	7:30 AM – 88th St. GEVURAH SHEBEMALKUT
TUESDAY, JUNE 7 Morning Minyan Women's Rosh Hodesh Group *OMER COUNT: DAY 45 BEGINS THIS EVENING	YOM YERUSHALAYIM 7:30 AM – 88th St. 7:00 PM – 88th St. TIFERET SHEBEMALKUT
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8 Morning Minyan Kesharim *OMER COUNT: DAY 46 BEGINS THIS EVENING	ROSH HODESH SIVAN 7:30 AM – 88th St. 2:00 PM – 88th St. NETZAH SHEBEMALKUT
THURSDAY, JUNE 9 Morning Minyan Judith Bernstein Lunch Program *OMER COUNT: DAY 47 BEGINS THIS EVENING	7:30 AM – 88th St. 12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall HOD SHEBEMALKUT
FRIDAY, JUNE 10 Morning Minyan	7:30 AM – 88th St.

SHAVUOT SERVICES

Sunday, June 12: Service at 8:30PM at 88th St., After services, we will continue with the traditional Tikkun Leil Shavuot, a night of communal study. The learning throughout the whole night will focus on the new translation of Heschel's book, *Torah Min Hashamayim*, "Heavenly Torah." Prof. Susannah Heschel will teach the first session. Study will continue throughout the night, concluding with a sunrise Shabbat service at Riverside Park.

Monday, June 13: First Day Service at 88th St. beginning at 10AM (11:15AM for children). Toward the end of services, all children will be invited to decorate the bimah with bikkurim (baskets of fruits, flowers and greens) for later donation to the homeless. Please bring a basket, fruit and nuts; we will provide flowers. After services, we will gather (weather permitting) for our annual Shavuot picnic at 90th St. in Riverside Park. Please bring your lunch; drinks will be provided.
Second night services will take place at 9PM at 88th St.

Tuesday, June 14: Second Day Services (Yizkor), 88th Street - 9:30AM, Children's Services at 10:45AM

Please note that next week's Kol Jeshurun will be 1 double-sided page.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAMAKOM YENAHEM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to: Helen and Steve Freidus and their family on the death of Helen's beloved father, Felix Laine.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Taia, Kerry Kwinter and Adam Brooks on Taia becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Nina Smilow and Lili Lynton on Nina becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Joel Kazis who was honored by Dorot on May 31, 2005. He was celebrated for 27 years of leadership.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Women's Rosh Hodesh Group

Tuesday, June 7, 7PM at 88th St.: Join Rabbi Felicia Sol to welcome the new month of Sivan, on this holiday traditionally associated with women. Registration not required.

• Hakhnasat Or^him'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. 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

• On-the-Road Mitzvah

When you travel, we encourage you to collect the complimentary trial-sized toiletries provided by your hotel and donate them to the Judith Bernstein Lunch Program: colognes and perfumes, mouthwash, shampoo and conditioner, shower caps, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes. All items will be distributed to our guests at the Thursday Judith Bernstein Lunch Program. Please drop off donations at the BJ office at 2109 Broadway - Suite 203 during business hours, 9AM - 5PM Monday - Thursday.

• Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program helps hundreds of hungry adults and children each month. We need YOUR help to make it possible. We are looking for a strong volunteer to help with preparations on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 PM. This job requires strong arms and a big heart! If you can assist us, contact Susan Samuels at ssamuels@aol.com or x338.

• Volunteers Needed at the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter this Summer! Many shelters close their doors during the summer when volunteers leave for vacation. But the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter continues on its normal schedule throughout the summer, feeding and housing up to 10 guests, Monday -Thursday. We need volunteers to replace the regulars; people to commit to one night each month to sleep over from 9PM - 6AM, or set up meals and beds from 7-9PM, or prepare or donate food. We hope that you will come forward at this time of need. For info, contact Robert Imershein, shelter co-chair, at rimershein@capstarny.com or (212) 339-4250.

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.

HAVUROT

• Young Women's Havurah Formation

Friday, June 17 after 7PM service: Join us for our first potluck Shabbat at-home dinner located on the Upper West Side (walking distance from BJ). If you can join please e-mail Cynthia Epstein, cynthia_beth@yahoo.com or Stacey Shubitz, shubey@gmail.com Please bring a kosher dairy/parve side and/or a main dish. If you cannot attend the dinner, but would like to join the Young Women's Havurah contact Cynthia or Stacey.

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 comediennes (TBA). To register online: www.BJ.org With a credit card, call 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.

CREATING KEHILLAH

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

CHILDREN'S ACTION HEVRA

BJ congregants spoke about their careers in such fields as music, anthropology, fundraising, education, law, art, documentary film making, social work, and chaplaincy to classes at the Ralph Bunche School on May 23, Career Awareness Day. Feedback from students and teachers as well as presenters was overwhelmingly positive. Our Reading Partners Program at the Ralph Bunche School ended this week amid laughter and some tears. Over the school year over 24 BJ tutors read weekly with 46 children in 1st and 3rd grades. The experience was tremendously gratifying. The Children's Action Hevra thanks all those who took part as well as those who supported our efforts in this first year of the BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership. We will be resuming our work in September. Look for updates over the summer! To join the Children's Action Hevra or to volunteer, please call us at x 301.

• Environmental Action Hevra

The hard work of our environment campaigners on behalf of Fair Trade Coffee has paid off! On June 10, the Cultural and International Affairs Committee of the New York City Council will hold a hearing on Resolution 762. Introduced by Council Member Gale Brewer with our inspiration, the resolution calls on the NY City government to procure its coffee from fair trade sources. To ensure the resolution's success, we want to turn out as many supporters as possible to attend the hearing, which will be followed by a press conference. Mark your calendar for June 10, 10AM, in the City Council chambers. Info, Gil Kulick, (212) 866-7570 or David Kantor, (347)886-2296.

YOUTH & FAMILY EDUCATION

• Shavuot Children's Services

Monday, June 13, 11:15AM: As you know, it is our annual Shavout tradition to make bikkurim baskets during children's services. The children will bring the baskets into the sanctuary at the end of services on the first day of Shavout. Please bring baskets of fruit for your children. We will provide flowers.

BJ COMMUNITY

• Salute to Israel Parade

Sunday, June 5 11AM - 4PM: Join us in celebration of Israel's 57th anniversary on 5th Ave. between 57th and 59th Streets.

• 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. A minimum contribution of \$20 will be requested at the door. Contributions can also be made at www.ajws.org/darfur - please consider visiting www.evite.com/sudanevent@yahoo.com/darfur

• 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, daven, meet a soulmate. Rich diversity of people. For info, contact alephajr@aol.com or www.aleph.org

• RACE FOR THE CURE

Sunday September 25: Please take a minute to register early with RACE FOR THE CURE - a 5k race/walk that raises funds to combat breast cancer. Last year our team's turn-out, opening prayer ceremony, and fund-raising made us all very proud. This year we hope to retain the same spirit and bring new recruits to the cause. Please join the BJ team. For more info, contact Glenda Frank, Co-captain at glfrank@erols.com or (212) 749-0160.

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. (begins June 24).

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. Come meet and greet your community and fulfill the mitzvah of haknusat orhim (welcoming our guests).

Please contact Helen Radin at hradin@bj.org or x233. See Friday 88th St. Head Usher Jeff Yablonka or Saturday Head Usher Glenda Frank after services.

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 October of 1825, a group of twenty-eight men gathered and the sum of \$157.00 was subscribed for the immediate equipment of a room for the use of the Congregation. Washington Hall at 533 Pearl Street was fitted up as the temporary place of worship. The new Congregation conducted its services there, the first divine Services in New York to have been conducted according to the Ashkenazic rite of the German and Polish Jews, modeled upon the Services of the Great Synagogue in London.

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; Melvin Berger and Barbara Pleshko; Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein; Sandra Cheiten and Martin Rosenblatt; Carol Dikman; Marcy, Bennett, Jonathan, and Aaron Grau; 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; Linda and Marc Luxemburg; Dr. Enrique Malamud and Dr. Jaime Szpigel; Rabbi Roly Matalon; Elaine D. Nevins; Andrea Newman; Shelly Ostro; Sara, Mathew, Mimi, Joseph, and Max Pasternak-Levine; Marie Peterson; Deborah Pinsky; Ari, Aaron, and Mariel Priven; Irma Radus; Elenor Radzivilover; Nirdi, Sandy and Nurie Relis; Lisa Safier, Sheila Salama and Samuel Schnapps; Andrea Siegel; Barbara Simon; Alan Slifka*; Sydell S.Sloan; Rabbi 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. We are already over 1/3 full and completed registration forms are coming into our offices every day. Don't miss out! Please let us know soon whether we can add YOUR name to this list! Contact Andrea at x243 (asiegel@bj.org).

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, including airfare, is \$2700. Children under 12 will receive a 25% discount on the flight, and other potential child discounts may be available. The single supplement is \$350. Need-based scholarships are available. Your passport must be valid 6 months after your return date from Israel in order to participate in this trip. Please note that it is possible to make arrangements for your party to arrive in Israel early or depart later than our BJ group.

Registration materials have been sent in the mail to all BJ members. Online registration will be available starting June 6th. 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, x243 (asiegel@bj.org).

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