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March 3 - 10, 2006 **3 - 10 Adar, 5766**

TERUMAH

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 25:1 - 27:19
TRIENNIAL Exodus 26:1 - 26:30
HAFTARAH | Kings 5:26 - 6:13

NEXT WEEK: **TETZAVEH**
 SHABBAT ZAKHOR

TORAH: ANNUAL Exodus 27:20 - 30:10
TRIENNIAL Exodus 28:31 - 29:18
MAFTIR Deuteronomy 25:17 - 19
HAFTARAH | Samuel 15:1 - 34

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Wandering Minyan 5:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
 Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service 5:30 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary
 Contemplative Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall (SEE P.2)
 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:15 PM – 88th St. Sanctuary

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Shabbat Services 9:30 AM – 86th St.
 Junior Congregation 10:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall
 Children's Services 10:45 AM – 86th St. Parlor and Chapel
 Bar Mitzvah Jackson Bahn
 Bat Mitzvah Phoebe Deards
 Contemplative Shabbat Minḥa/Ma'ariv 4:00 PM – 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

Writing Sessions with Sofer Rabbi Miller 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM, 88th St. (SEE FLIER)
 Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.

MONDAY, MARCH 6

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
 Zayin Adar Speaker: Rabbi Maurice Lamm 7:45 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
*Limud: Gems From Genesis** 8:10 AM – 88th St.
 with Rabbi Hillel Friedman

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
 Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th St.
*Limud: What is Torah?** 6:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)
 with Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon
*Limud: Building a Personal Theology of Revelation**
 with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein 7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.
*Limud: Who Believes in Angels?** 10:00 AM – BJ Office (SEE P.2)
 with MTM Fellow Lauren Thomas
 Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
*Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a** 7:00 PM – BJ Office
 Annual Interfaith Lecture 7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)
 with Dr. Mark Podwal

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

Help Us Pass the NY State Healthy Teens Act

Did you know that in a survey* of NYC high school students:

- 1 in 10 report having had sex before age 13
- 1 in 4 who were sexually active didn't use a condom during last intercourse
- Almost 50% are sexually active and report behaviors increasing risk of HIV infection.

**A report from the NYC Community Health Survey (7104)*

Want to make a difference?

The Women's Rights Hevra invites you to attend "For the Sake of Our Children," a convocation to support sex education, co-sponsored by B'nai Jeshurun. Mark your calendars: **Tuesday, March 7, 7:00-9:00PM**, Riverside Church, 122 St. and Riverside Dr.

Hear keynote speaker, former U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Joycelyn Elders, and send a message to Albany that our children deserve sex education that will help them form healthy relationships, prevent pregnancy before they are ready to become parents, and protect them from sexually transmitted infections.

For more information, contact the Women's Rights Hevra at 212-787-7600 x321.

180TH ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY TORAH PROJECT
 Darkhei No'am • Ways of Pleasantness
 See flier on seats at services and the BJ website at www.bj.org for a complete list of upcoming events.

* Please see the the BJ website, www.bj.org, for information and how to register.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our beloved member, Denyse Dolny-Lipsy and extends deepest condolences to her husband, Mark Lipsy, their children, Boaz and Talia and their entire family.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Jackson Bahn, Allan, Hallie and Micaela Bahn and Lori Pollan in honor of Jackson becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Phoebe Deards, Paul, Gabriel and Emma Deards and Sonia Taitz in honor of Phoebe becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Contemplative Practice at BJ

You are welcome to join Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Rachel Cowan for two contemplative experiences this Shabbat, **March 3 and 4**. We will meet Friday evening at 6:00PM in the 86th St. Social Hall for a Kabbalat Shabbat service with meditation, niggunim, and prayer. The service will not include musical instruments or dancing. Then join us Saturday afternoon at 4:00PM in the 86th St. Chapel for Mincha, Ma'ariv and Havdalah—with study, reflection, niggunim and prayer. This will be the second of four contemplative Shabbat experiences.

• Rabbi Maurice Lamm on *Consolation: The Spiritual Journey Beyond Grief*

Monday, March 6, 7:45PM at 88th St.: Rabbi Maurice Lamm's *The Jewish Way of Death* has become the authoritative work on the subject; his latest book, *Consolation: The Spiritual Journey Beyond Grief* has become another essential volume for every Jewish library. All are welcome to attend and learn from one of the great scholars of our time. Cost: Free.

• Darfur Action Meeting

Tuesday, March 7, 6:30PM at the BJ Office: This is a volunteer meeting to help plan our community's response to the genocide in Darfur, and strengthen our presence at the Save Darfur rally in Washington, DC on April 30. For more information, contact Charles Lenchner x240 or clenchner@bj.org

• A Call to Action on Darfur: Symposium

Sunday, March 12, 1:00PM at the Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Place: Learn about the history and current situation in the Sudan with experts and Jewish community leaders. The event is free. For more information, visit www.mjhnyc.org



• Purim!

Monday, March 13, 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30PM: Plays, costumes,

UPCOMING LIMUD

Please see the the BJ website, www.bj.org for more information and how to register.

• What Is Torah?

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon

6 Wednesdays (remaining class March 8) • 6:30-8:00PM •

88th St. Frankel Hall • Cost: Free, registration required

Torah embraces a wide range of meanings and understandings. We will explore the unfolding of those meanings from the Talmud through the mystical and Hassidic traditions.

• Who Believes in Angels?

Marshall T. Meyer Rabbinic Fellow Lauren Thomas

6 Thursdays (remaining classes March 9, 16) • 10:00-11:30AM •

BJ Office • Cost: Free, registration required

This class will explore the appearance of angels in biblical and rabbinic

TODAH RABBAH

• This week's flowers for the bimah have been sponsored by Lori Pollan and Allan Bahn, and Sonia Taitz and Paul Deards in honor of their children, Jack Bahn and Phoebe Deards becoming B'nai Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

• Rabbi Audrey Korotkin and Confirmation Class, Temple Judea Mizpah, Spoke, Illinois.

• Rabbi Michael Torop and Confirmation Class, Temple Beth-El, St. Petersburg, Florida.

• Rabbi Stanley R. Miles and Confirmation Class, Temple Shalom, Louisville, Kentucky.

• Rabbi Jonathan Katz and Confirmation Class, Congregation Achduth Vesholom, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

noisemakers and hamantaschen at this year's Purim events. Tots: 5:30PM (88th St.). Families: 6:30PM (88th St.). Megillah reading: 7:30PM (SPSA Sanctuary). Come find out what our rabbis will be wearing!

• Israel Speaker Series: Gershom Gorenberg

Thursday, March 16, 7:00PM at 88th St.: Noted Israeli journalist and author Gershom Gorenberg will be speaking about his new book, *The Accidental Empire: Israel and the Birth of the Settlements, 1967-1977*. Based on previously unpublished documents and interviews, he presents a strikingly new picture of Israel's post-1967 history and Israel-U.S. relations. Co-sponsored by the New Israel Fund. Admission: free.

• Sounds of Hope: A Concert to Benefit Meir Panim

Sunday, March 19, 7:00PM at Lincoln Center/Avery Fisher Hall: This one-time-only performance is set to the inspiring music of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach and includes rarely seen video clips of Carlebach himself. Acclaimed performers Dudu Fisher, Avraham Fried, and Elli Kranzler will be accompanied by an orchestra and a choir comprised of 150 children from seven area day schools. This concert will build Meir Panim's newest facility, which will feed an additional 50,000 Israeli children a day. Tickets: 212-875-5030 or www.lincolncenter.org

• Music of the BJ Musicians

Saturday, April 1, 8:00PM at 88th St.: Come celebrate springtime with the resident musicians of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun as they gather for the first time to present their own original music and amazing artistry. Five bands offer an eclectic mix of styles including Middle Eastern, cocktail cabaret, classical and traditional Jewish song. Artists include Yoel Ben-Simhon and the Sultana Ensemble (with special guest Yair Dalal), Eugene Carr, Noah Hoffeld, Saskia Lane and Amanda Monaco (The Lascivious Biddies), Daphna Mor, Basya Schechter (Pharaoh's Daughter), Matt Turk and Tomer Tzur (Sway Machinery). Special guests include Rabbi Rolando Matalon and Hazzan Ari Priven. Don't miss this special evening concert!

literature. We will look at the angelic encounters of Abraham, Hagar, Jacob and Joseph as well as the appearance of angels in the Talmud. We will explore their appearance, their role, and their language as well as their function within theology. All are welcome.

• Building a Personal Theology of Revelation

Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein

4 Wednesdays (March 8, 15, 22, 29) •

7:00-8:30PM • 88th St. • Cost: Free, registration required

Through the process of analyzing texts dealing with revelation, we will explore building a personal theology centered on a personal and communal notion of revelation.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **BJ/Ralph Bunche School Reading Partnership**

We invite members of the BJ community to join us, on either a Tuesday or Thursday from 9–10:30AM, when we gather in the school library to help children in Grades 1–4 strengthen reading and comprehension skills. This partnership is an exciting opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children, one child at a time, and be part of a mitzvah that strengthens the force of tikkun olam within our community. For additional information, please contact Ruth Joseph at rjoseph@aaahawk.com or 212-877-6682.

• **AIDS Walk New York 2006**

Take leadership in the fight against AIDS! BJ needs 5-10 volunteers to organize our congregation's participation in AIDS Walk New York 2006 on Sunday, May 21. In recent years hundreds of BJ members have walked, raising thousands of dollars. But our dedicated volunteer leaders need a break this year—and without lay leadership, BJ will not be able to participate. To get involved, contact Guy Austrian, Director of Social Action/Social Justice at gaustrian@bj.org or x259.

TZE'IRIM: 205/305

• **Wine and Dessert Potluck Party**

Friday, March 10 at 9:00PM: Join us in the home of one of our members for a night of socializing with great food and great people. Please bring a bottle of wine, a dessert, or fruit to share. RSVP to shabbatwithoutchairs@yahoo.com by Wednesday, March 8.

INTERFAITH

• **Jerusalem Sky: Stars, Crosses, and Crescents with author Dr. Mark Podwal**

Thursday, March 9 at 7:00PM at 88th St.: The Interfaith Committee is proud to announce the Annual Interfaith Lecture with guest Dr. Mark Podwal, noted artist and author of *Jerusalem Sky: Stars, Crosses, and Crescents*, a children's book explaining the meaning of Jerusalem for the three major religions. Dr. Podwal will describe the book's origins and the impact of the interfaith project in bringing together Muslim, Jewish and Christian fourth and fifth graders from three Brooklyn schools. Books will be available in the Sanctuary for signing after the presentation. To learn more, please contact the Interfaith Committee at x379 or interfaith@bj.org

BJ BOOK GROUP

Sunday, March 12 at 7:00PM at 88th St.: Please join the BJ Book Group as we meet to discuss Philip Roth's award-winning novel, *The Plot Against America*. Told through the eyes of a young Jewish boy in Newark, the story revolves around the idea of aviation hero and isolationist Charles Lindbergh running for president in 1940 against Roosevelt, promising to keep America out of war. It's about a boy and a nation losing their innocence.

HAVUROT

• **BJ LGBTQ**

Friday, March 17: BJ Gay will be meeting after the late service at the rear of the 88th St. Sanctuary. All members of the LGBTQ community at BJ, and their families and friends, are welcome. Email Joe at joeantenson@msn.com for more information.

• **Young Women's Havurah**

Friday, March 24: We'll be having a potluck Shabbat dinner after the 7:15PM Shabbat service. If you're a female member of BJ between the ages of 25–35 and are interested in joining us for dinner—or if you're unable to attend but would like to participate in the future—please contact Stacey Shubitz at shubey@gmail.com



SPRING 2006 RETREATS

Register at www.bj.org for these special weekends:

• **Working on Our Souls, Working in the World: Linking the Inner and the Outer**

April 7–9, Elat Chayyim: Our annual meditation retreat, led by Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Rachel Cowan. Explore contemplative practice as a resource for inspiring, supporting and sustaining wise social action. As we organize to change conditions of injustice, we must also be aware of tendencies towards injustice within ourselves and develop practices for becoming mindful of them. Through prayer, study, song and meditation, we will cultivate an awareness to become kinder, more compassionate and more effective activists, able to build communities of action that support their members. Cost: \$280 per person, double room/\$330 single for BJ members who sign up by March 20.

• **2006 BJ Women's Retreat**

April 21–23, Camp Isabella Freedman, Falls Village, CT: BJ's fifth annual Women's Retreat, led by Rabbis Felicia Sol and Katie Mizrahi in honor of our 180th anniversary. Be part of a Shabbat weekend devoted to encountering tradition—and ourselves—through kol nashim (women's voices). This is a great opportunity for women seeking a "time out" from the stress of New York living, a chance to be in intimate spiritual community, and a way for new or less-connected members to deepen their BJ experience. Cost: \$210–\$285 for BJ members who sign up by March 30.

Prices are slightly higher for non-members and late registrants, if space allows. Contact Charles Lenchner at x240 or clenchner@bj.org for more information.

TORAH FACT



The Ceremony of the Torah Service (Part III): While the seven aliyot may complete the parasha read from the Sefer Torah, our experience of Torah on Shabbat, holiday, and minḥa on fast days is extended by the maftir, usually the last few verses of the Torah portion, and the haftarah, a section from the Prophets that relates to that week's parasha.

Some historians date the reading of the haftarah to King Antiochus (2nd century Syrian-Greek) who banned the Jews from reading Torah yet did not ban reading the Prophets. Even now when Jews are no longer forbidden to read from our sacred text, the custom of reading the haftarah has continued as an addition to the Torah service. It gives the congregation one more connection, one more time to hear the teachings, one more time to learn.

One of the additions made to the Torah service to enrich its meaning and beauty comes at the completion of the reading of each of the Five Books of Moses. The congregation stands to say "H₁azak, h₂azak, v'nith₃hazek" ("Be strong, be strong and let us be strengthened"). It signifies the encouragement to continue with the reading of the next book and to return again to the previous one. We always do, and hopefully always will.
—Lynda Fisher

MASA'EINU—OUR JOURNEY



As BJ turns 180, each week the Kol Jeshurun will feature an anecdote about our history. 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 August of 1884, the Congregation discontinued its connection with the UAHC. When the establishment of the Jewish Theological Seminary was projected, BJ threw its support behind this new counter-Reform movement and was actively represented in the organization of the Seminary.

JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN: See the latest information about the Morning Minyan on the BJ website at www.bj.org/schedule.php where you can indicate which days you're planning to attend. You can see how many people have signed up for the current week—and where our need is greatest.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 7:15 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 "Focus on Israel" column presents information about our Israeli partnerships, texts and commentary on Israel, book reviews, and discussions of education, spirituality, and social justice in Israel.

WORTHY TO CHANT TORAH IN ISRAEL
By Harriet R. Goren

In a few weeks, a website retelling some of the unique experiences on BJ's 180th Anniversary trip to Israel will be available on www.bj.org. Here is one of the pieces which will be featured.

After many years during which I rarely set foot in a synagogue, I joined BJ and discovered I really did like being Jewish. But I still didn't understand the Israel part, and the more involved I became in Jewish life, the more this gap felt like a chasm between myself and the rest of my community... What right did I have to stand at the bimah and chant Torah if I was unable to comprehend the central message of the whole story?

Shaharit at the Southern excavations of the Wall, where I had the privilege, one of the most enormous I will ever have in this lifetime, or any other, of chanting Torah... From a little table covered with a tallit that served as our bimah I looked up and saw the blue sky, and below that the stones of the Wall, and below that the faces of my friends. And below that, the words and letters on the scroll. I thought of those images of the earth from space where the camera zooms closer and closer until what looks like a speck of color turns out to be a whole country, then a city, then a house. Every small thing is part of a universe much larger, and vice versa. As I read, the words in the scroll seemed to lead the yad (the pointer) through each sentence like stones on a path, going by so fast I almost couldn't keep up. I had a sense, in that minute or two of reading, that the letters were having fun, dancing, taking me somewhere unknown and joyful. Here on the steps of the gate through which pilgrims once entered the Temple, I read the portion for Hanukkah about offerings brought to the tabernacle, and so was able to give my own...

I...[now] know I was wrong to feel unworthy of visiting Israel. It's the being there that makes us worthy, and not the other way around.

Harriet Goren has been a member of BJ since 1999.

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

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