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**March 17 - 24, 2006**

**17 - 24 Adar, 5766**

**KI TISSA**  
 SHABBAT PARAH  
**TORAH: ANNUAL** Exodus 30:11 - 34:35  
**TRIENNIAL** Exodus 31:18 - 33:11  
**MAFTIR** Numbers 19:1 - 22  
**HAFTARAH** Ezekiel 36:16 - 38

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NEXT WEEK: **VAYAKHEL-PEKUDEI**  
 SHABBAT HAHOODESH  
 MEVARKHIM HAHOODESH

**TORAH: ANNUAL** Exodus 35:1 - 40:38  
**TRIENNIAL** Exodus 37:17 - 39:21  
**MAFTIR** Exodus 12:1 - 20  
**HAFTARAH** Ezekiel 45:16 - 46:18

**FRIDAY, MARCH 17**  
 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 5:30 PM – 88th St.  
 Tot Shabbat 5:45 PM – 86th St.  
 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:15 PM – 88th St.  
 B'nai Mitzvah Class Dinner Following 7:15 PM Service – 88th St.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18**  
 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM – 86th St.  
 Children's Services 10:45 AM – 86th St. Parlor and Chapel

Bat Mitzvah Michelle Edelson  
 Bat Mitzvah Miranda Katz

Aliyat Hatan VeKallah Bill Mosca and Emily Shapiro  
 Simeon Fishman and Jessica Radin

D'var Torah Jessica Radin

Community Kiddush Following Services – 86th St.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19**  
 Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.

**MONDAY, MARCH 20**  
 Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21**  
 Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
*Limud: Gems From Genesis\** 8:10 AM – 88th St.  
 with Rabbi Hillel Friedman

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22**  
 Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th St.  
*Limud: Building a Personal Theology of Revelation\**  
 with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein 7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23**  
 Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.  
 Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall  
*Limud: Parashat Hashavu'a\** 7:00 PM – BJ Office

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24**  
 Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

PLEASE NOTE: **KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE TIMES**  
**CHANGE AFTER DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**  
 Beginning *Friday, April 7* the early service will start at 6:00PM  
 and the late service will start at 7:30PM, both at 88th Street.

**MAKE A COMMITMENT TO THE TORAH PROJECT ONLINE!**  
 Visit the BJ website at [www.bj.org/ctp/](http://www.bj.org/ctp/)

\* Please see the the BJ website, [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) for information and how to register.

**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK**

**Spring into Action with Panim el Panim**

This November and December, Panim el Panim hosted 18 house meetings at which nearly 180 congregants reflected on their Jewish values and envisioned how we could make significant change in New York. Throughout January and February, a dedicated group of activists attended our Leadership and Action Training Series to learn strategies for effective action.

*Now*, after sharpening our skills, exploring our passions, researching issue campaigns and identifying community partners, *we are ready to spring into action!*

We invite you to join us. This April, we will launch our second set of action campaigns. Don't miss out on exciting opportunities to make a difference as part of a kehillah kedoshah (holy community).

To find out more, please contact Guy Austrian, Director of Social Action/Social Justice, at [gaustrian@bj.org](mailto:gaustrian@bj.org) or x259, or Laura Horwitz, Social Action/Social Justice Organizer, at [lhowitz@bj.org](mailto:lhowitz@bj.org) or x261.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HA-MAKOM YENAHEM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Laura Horwitz on the death of her beloved grandfather, S. Joseph Fauman.

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Michelle Edelson, James, Peggy, and Henry Edelson in honor of Michelle becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Miranda Katz, Michael and Susannah Katz and Emily Pearl in honor of Miranda becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Bill Mosca and Emily Shapiro in honor of their upcoming wedding.
- Simeon Fishman and Jessica Radin in honor of their upcoming wedding.
- Abbey Wendorf-Warsh, Larry, Justin, and Ethan Warsh on the birth of their daughter and sister, Ellie Juliet Warsh.
- To Avraham Neguise, who has often spoken at BJ about the Ethiopian Aliyah. He heads Atid Echad (One Future), a new party in

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### • 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](http://www.lincolncenter.org)

### • "Share Shabbat:" BJ's Community Shabbat At-Home Dinners

**Friday, March 24:** Join us as we open our homes and hearts to share the blessings of Shabbat. Sign up now to be a host or guest! Just click on "BJ Shares Shabbat" at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) and follow instructions. BJ members have first priority; non-members may sign up after March 19, if space allows. For further information, contact Estare Weiser at [estweiser@aol.com](mailto:estweiser@aol.com) or Carol at [cdikman@bj.org](mailto:cdikman@bj.org)

### • Music of the BJ Musicians

**Saturday, April 1, 8:00PM** at 88th St.: 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 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.

## UPCOMING LIMUD

Please see the the BJ website, [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org) for more information and how to register.

### • Building a Personal Theology of Revelation

Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein

**4 Wednesdays (remaining classes March 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.

### • Preparing for Pesah

Marshall T. Meyer Fellow Rabbi Katie Mizrahi

**2 Tuesdays (March 28, April 4) •**

7:00-8:30PM • 86th St. Chapel • Cost: Free, registration required

the Israeli elections. Neguise notes, "Atid Echad promotes successful klita (absorption) to benefit all Israel, believes the best anti-poverty program is long-term quality education, is committed to restoring educational excellence and social justice as basic ingredients of National Security, and is dedicated to ensuring that Israel is truly 'a light unto the nations.'"

### TODAH RABBAH

- This week's flowers for the bimah are sponsored by Peggy and Jim Edelson and Emily Pearl and Michael Katz in honor of their daughters Michelle and Miranda becoming B'not Mitzvah.
- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Emily Pearl and Michael Katz in honor of their daughter Miranda becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Mark Dov Shapiro and Confirmation Class, Sinai Temple Springfield, Massachusetts.
- Rabbi Jack Romberg and Confirmation Class, Temple Israel, Tallahassee, Florida.

Admission: \$10 at the door. Don't miss this special concert!

### • "The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time" with Dr. Jeffrey Sachs

**Saturday, April 8, 1:15PM** at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, 15 West 86th St.: Can world poverty be radically reduced by 2015? Are the UN Millennium Development Goals practical solutions to what seems like the endemic nature of poverty? Dr. Sachs is Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University, the UN Millennium Project, and author of the recently published book, *The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time*. All are invited.

### • Pesah Se'udah Match: Be a Seder Host or Guest

**Wednesday, April 12** is the night of the first Seder! Consider including BJ members at your Seder table who need a place to celebrate the holiday. If you would like to take part in this mitzvah, please submit the attached form to the BJ office or sign up next week at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). For further information, please contact Carol Dikman at [cdikman@bj.org](mailto:cdikman@bj.org) or x255.

### • Potluck Shabbat Lunches—Another Experiment at BJ!

On Shabbatot when there is no sponsored Kiddush, the Social Hall will be available following services (12:30-2:30PM) to those members who wish to bring a potluck or brown-bag lunch (dairy/vegetarian). Have lunch, study text or just spend time with one another on Shabbat. Check the Kol Jeshurun on the BJ website on Fridays to see if there is a Kiddush. Please contact Helen Radin at x233 if you would like to reserve space in the Social Hall, which you must clean up and vacate by 2:30PM.

We will learn about the Haggadah and study prayers and readings for Pesah, look at traditions from different times and communities, and discuss modern additions to the Seder. Please bring your questions! This is an opportunity to learn more about leading or attending a Seder and participating in the holiday of our freedom from bondage.

### • Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Nisan

**Wednesday, March 29 • 7:00PM • 88th St. Frankel Hall • Cost: Free, registration not required**

Please join us to celebrate, study and pray together on this holiday traditionally associated with women. Please bring a snack—fruit, veggies, dip or any packaged product that is marked Kosher—to share.

**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**• BJ/Ralph Bunche School Partnership Seeks Volunteers**

We invite you to join us Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9–10:30AM when we gather at the Ralph Bunche School (P.S. 125) 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 on becoming a part of the Reading Partnership, contact Ruth Joseph at rjoseph@aaahawk.com or 212-877-6682.

**• Rally for Darfur: Save the Date and Sign Up TODAY**

**Sunday, April 30**, Washington, DC: Get on the bus! Join the BJ rabbis in demanding that the world respond to the ongoing crisis in Darfur. Sign up today at [www.jccmanhattan.org/darfur](http://www.jccmanhattan.org/darfur). There are special buses for teens and Tze'irim (20s and 30s). To join our Darfur Committee or for more information, contact Charles Lenchner at [clenchner@bj.org](mailto:clenchner@bj.org) or x240.

**TZE'IRIM: 20S/30S**

**• Tze'irim Shares Shabbat**

**Friday, March 24**, after services: Host or attend a dinner as a part of BJ's wider "Share Shabbat" program. New at hosting? Call Carol at 212-787-7600 x255. Experienced host? Sign up at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org); click on "BJ Shares Shabbat" and fill out the host form. Guest sign-up: now for BJ members, 3/19 for non-members. **Are you on the list?** To receive updates about BJ's 20/30-something activities, email [bjtzeirim-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:bjtzeirim-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:shubey@gmail.com)



**180TH ANNIVERSARY  
COMMUNITY TORAH PROJECT**  
Darkhei No'am • Ways of Pleasantness

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**• Family Beit Midrash**

**Saturday, March 25** following Kiddush at 86 St.: Please join us as Rabbi Felicia Sol helps guide your family's connection to our new Torah.

**• SAVE THE DATE—Siyyum: Our Devarim Celebration**

**Sunday, May 21**, 4:00-6:00PM at 88th St.

**• REMINDER:** Pick up a beautifully designed tzedakah box so your child (under 13) can be part of the commitment process.

For further information, contact Marnee Horesh at [torahproject@bj.org](mailto:torahproject@bj.org) or x241.



**SPRING 2006 RETREATS**

Register at [www.bj.org](http://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](mailto:clenchner@bj.org) for more information.

**TORAH FACT**



**The Sefer Torah's Many Names:** Between the second centuries BCE and the first century CE, the Sefer Torah was translated from its original Hebrew into Greek and called the "Septuagint," meaning "seventy" in Greek. Among the traditions to explain the name is the rabbinic one: "The number seventy in the Torah and in rabbinic thought represents totality. To say that the Torah has seventy faces in effect says that there is always something more to learn each time we read the Sefer Torah."

Going back to the Hebrew, the Torah, which means "guidance and instruction," is also referred to as "Teaching." And probably the most common name for the Torah is "Five Books of Moses," coming from the Jewish belief that God gave Moses the Torah on Mt. Sinai. We also refer to the Torah as the Humash, the number five in Hebrew, or the "Pentateuch," the Greek word for five.

Shakespeare's Juliet expressed our thoughts when she said, in speaking of her love for Romeo, "What's in a name? A rose by any other name would smell as sweet." Whatever name we use for the Sefer Torah, the words of the Torah are the guides that the Jewish people use in living and relating to each other.

—Lynda Fisher

From *This is The Torah*, by Alfred J. Kolatch

### 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.*

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... In 1893, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise came to the Congregation, as Junior Minister, barely twenty-one years old. He soon replaced his predecessor, Rabbi Henry Jacobs, as Rabbi of the Congregation and served until June of 1900, when he left to accept a call to serve Congregation Beth Israel of Portland, Oregon, the leading congregation in the Northwest.

**JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN:** See updated information about the Morning Minyan at [www.bj.org/schedule.php](http://www.bj.org/schedule.php) where you can indicate what days you plan to attend and view how many people have signed up for the current week—and see 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 on becoming a member? BJ is 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](mailto:blasky@bj.org)

- **A Note from the Ushers:** For those at the 7:15PM Friday night service, please bring books to the back as you leave. Tallitot and damaged books may be brought to the back of the sanctuary after Shabbat services. Men are asked to wear kippot upon entering the sanctuary and during services. Food, photography, and cell phone use is not permitted in the sanctuary. To prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before 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.*

### ELECTIONS BETWEEN PURIM AND PASSOVER By Amir Shaviv

An arbitrary accident of fate, perhaps, set the date of Israel's general elections shortly after Purim, and not too long before Passover. What an irony: One could not have found a more suitable symbolic junction on the Jewish calendar for these elections. Here is why:

The electioneering campaign of the Israeli political parties is 100% a Purim event: a carnival of nonsense, where each candidate portrays himself as Mordechai and his rivals—as Hamans. A bacchanalia of drunk accusations and rumors, innuendo and hearsay that escalate as the E-day comes close. Ideologies change their costumes in order to attract the public, and the noise of political groggers is thundering and deafening.

The days after the elections, however, turn suddenly into a 100% Passover atmosphere. Exit the drunken festival, enter the sober mood. Time for a serious look at Israel's trouble, time for building a Moses-and-Aaron coalition-type leadership, to face the looming threat of the various contemporary Pharaohs—and to plan Exodus-dimension operations in response. Time to clear away the chametz and be very serious!

Hence why election day is so perfectly situated this year on our Jewish calendar. By chance—or is it a Divine sense of humor?

*Amir Shaviv is an executive in the Joint Distribution Committee and a former journalist who covered a number of Israeli election campaigns.*

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