



RABBIS

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April 28 - May 5, 2006

30 Nisan - 7 Iyar, 5766

TAZRIA-METZORA

ROSH HODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 12:1 - 15:33

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 13:40 - 14:32

MAFTIR Numbers 28:9 - 15

HAFTARAH Isaiah 66:1 - 24

NEXT WEEK: AHAREI MOT-KEDOSHIM

TORAH: ANNUAL Leviticus 16:1 - 20:27

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 17:8 - 19:14

HAFTARAH Amos 9:7 - 15

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

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B'nai Mitzvah Class Dinner

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 16 (Gevurah Shebetiferet)

ROSH HODESH IYAR

6:00 PM - 88th St.

7:30 PM - 88th St.

Following 7:30 PM Service - 88th St.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

Shabbat Services

Children's Services

ROSH HODESH IYAR

9:30 AM - 86th St.

10:45 AM - 86th St. Parlor and Chapel

Bar Mitzvah

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Ted Levin

Teddy Owen

Community Kiddush

Following Services - 86th St.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 17 (Tiferet Shebetiferet)

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM - 88th St.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 18 (Netzah Shebetiferet)

MONDAY, MAY 1

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 19 (Hod Shebetiferet)

TUESDAY, MAY 2

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Limud: Gems From Genesis*

with Rabbi Hillel Friedman

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration

KIDS: 6:30 PM - 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.3)

EVERYONE: 7:00 PM - 88th St. Sanctuary (SEE P.2)

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 20 (Yesod Shebetiferet)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

Kesharim

2:00 PM - 88th St.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 21 (Malkhut Shebetiferet)



YOM HA'ATZMAUT

THURSDAY, MAY 4

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

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 22 (Hesed Shebenetzah)

FRIDAY, MAY 5

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM - 88th St.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 23 (Gevurah Shebenetzah)

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE
OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

RALLY FOR DARFUR

Sunday, April 30 • Washington, DC

Over 250 BJ community members will be attending the rally against genocide in Darfur. Please note the following:

Full information about our participation in the rally is available at www.bj.org/darfur_status_200604.php

We are meeting at 6:45AM at the synagogue on 88th St.

Everyone who has signed up for the bus will have a spot. Those who have not signed up in advance should still come—we anticipate some last-minute cancellations.

The cell phone of Charles Lenchner, Darfur organizer, is 202-460-5199. Feel free to call on Saturday evening or Sunday to ask questions.

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

PLEASE NOTE:

The May 5 Wandering Minyan will be held at the 86th St. Social Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our beloved member Rachel Hochman and extends sincere condolences to her son and daughter-in-law, Seth Hochman and Cindy Horowitz and their family.

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

- Robert, Linda and Judith Marshall on the death of Robert's beloved father, Dr. David Marshall.
- Susan Rosenthal and Lawrence Grosberg on the death of Susan's beloved father, Eugene A. Rosenthal.
- Leslie, Moshe, Ayelet and Talia Horn on the death of Leslie's beloved brother, Jerry Zigman.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• A Jewish Breakfast Against the War & March for Peace, Justice, & Democracy

Saturday, April 29, 9:00AM at the Workmen's Circle, 45 E. 33rd St. at Park Ave.: While BJ members have diverse and legitimate opinions about the U.S. military presence in Iraq, we want to inform the congregation about this large demonstration, for those whose Shabbat observance permits. A Jewish contingent meets for bagels at 9:00AM. Details: www.unitedforpeace.org and www.jfrej.org

• Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration

Tuesday, May 2, 7:00PM at 88th St.: Celebrate Israel's Independence Day with spirit and joy. Our main event includes Israeli film, music, food and dancing. See www.bj.org for more details.

• A Shabbat With Prof. Deborah Lipstadt

May 5-6: Dr. Lipstadt is Director of Rabbi Donald A. Tam Institute for Jewish Studies and Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies at Emory University. Her book, *History on Trial: My Day in Court with David Irving*, is the story of her libel trial in London against David Irving, who sued her for calling him a Holocaust denier and right-wing extremist. **Friday, May 5**, following the early service, at 88th St.: Shabbat B'Yahad dinner. Dr. Lipstadt will discuss her experiences in the trial, its outcomes and what lies ahead. Dinner: \$40 members/\$50 non-members. \$50/\$60 after April 28, space permitting. Register at www.bj.org, by phone, or by mail. Along with your check, please include your name, address, phone numbers, and email, and the names of each person attending. Write the date of the dinner, 5/5, in the memo section of your check. Address your envelope "Attn: Shakeara." **Saturday, May 6, 4:00PM** at 88th St.: Dr. Lipstadt will offer a lecture to our community. Cost: Free, registration required.

• BJ Book Club

Sunday, May 7, 7:00PM at 88th St.: We are reading *Final Solution*, Michael Chabon's suspenseful tale that reimagines the classic detective story with a wrenching solution.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Ted Levin, Sara Stern Levin, Gary and Jonathan Levin in honor of Ted becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Teddy Owen, Lisa Mednick Owen, Steven and Alex Owen in honor of Teddy becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Alan and Mimi Frank on the engagement of their daughter, Samantha to Jason Wexler.

TODAH RABBAH

- This week's flowers for the bimah are sponsored by Sara and Gary Levin and Steven and Lisa Owen in honor of their sons, Ted Levin and Teddy Owen, becoming B'nai Mitzvah.
- This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Steve Stulman in honor of his birthday.

• The 18th Annual Renee Kaufman Memorial Program

Tuesday, May 9, 7:30PM at 88th St.: We are honored to have Rabbi Joseph Telushkin speak on the topic "'You Shall Be Holy'—What is Distinctive About Jewish Ethics." *A Code of Jewish Ethics*, Rabbi Telushkin's recently published book, will be available for sale. Blu Greenberg and Tovah Feldshuh will also participate. There will be refreshments and Rabbi Telushkin will be pleased to autograph his book. It is a privilege to have a scholar such as Rabbi Telushkin address the BJ community. Doors open at 7:00PM. Admission: Free.

• New Training Beginning for "Doula to Accompany and Comfort"

New training begins **May 10** for this program serving terminally ill patients, sponsored by the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services, Inc. and currently in its fifth year. Doula volunteers complete a course consisting of eight 1 1/2 hour sessions in order to learn how to provide significant emotional and social support, comfort and practical assistance to patients near the end of life. Please visit www.shiraruskay.org/doula.html for more information, or contact Judith Kahn at 212-399-2685 x220.

• Bikkur Holim Teaching: "The Role of Spirituality in Healing"

Tuesday, May 16, 7:30PM at 88th St.: Join Bikkur Holim for a dialogue with Alan Astrow, M.D., Director, Division of Hematology and Oncology, Maimonides Cancer Center and Rabbi Mychal B. Springer, Chaplain, Associate Dean of The Rabbinical School and Director of Field Education at JTS. Free and open to all members of the BJ community. To register, call x308 with your name and telephone number.

• BJ Softball Is Back

Thursday evenings through August 31, at North Meadow Field #6 in Central Park. (Enter at 97th St.; we will mostly be in NM Field #6, but sometimes in NM Field #4.) No skill necessary, but fun and patience required. Any age over 21. \$10 for the season. Contact Phil Gross at pgross@kkwc.com for more information.

UPCOMING LIMUD

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

• Tzedakah Kenahal Eitan: Justice Like a Mighty Stream

Rabbis J. Rolando Matalon and Felicia L. Sol

3 Wednesdays (May 10, 17, 24) • 6:30-8:00PM • 88th St. Frankel Hall

• Cost: Free, registration required

We will explore Jewish sources that serve as the foundation for our vision of social change.

• Prayer and Synagogue Skills

Marshall T. Meyer Fellows Dara Frimmer and Lauren Thomas

2 Thursdays (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATES: May 31, June 7)

• 7:00-9:00PM • 88th St. Frankel Hall

• Cost: members free/non-members \$30, registration required

What is the structure of the service? When and why do we bow during the Amidah? In this workshop, we will explore the structure and "choreography" of the service and address such questions as: how can we find meaning in the rigidity of daily prayer? How can tallit and tefillin enhance our prayer experience?

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **Tuv Ha'Aretz's Movie Night**

Wednesday, May 3, 7:00PM at Anshe Chesed, 100th Street and West End Avenue: **Learn how you can support local farms, reduce greenhouse gasses, and eat healthier.** As part of our "Greening BJ" campaign, the Environmental Action Hevra encourages BJ members to join a "CSA"—Community Supported Agriculture program. CSAs help support family farms struggling to stay in business, while providing city people with access to high quality, locally-grown, affordable produce. (For a complete list of local CSAs, visit www.JustFood.org. Two CSAs with pick-up locations close to BJ are Roxbury Farm and Tuv Ha'Aretz.) Learn more about CSAs, and the reasons to eat locally, at Tuv Ha'Aretz's screening of the Emmy-nominated documentary "Broken Limbs: Apples, Agriculture, and the New American Farmer." Admission: \$5 (includes organic popcorn). RSVP to Leah Koenig at leah@hazon.org or 212-644-2332.

• **Appreciation Dinner for Shelter Volunteers**

Friday, May 19, 7:30PM, 88th St. Frankel Hall: Volunteers who serve in the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter are invited to celebrate and learn at a special appreciation dinner. We are honored to have as our guest Arnold S. Cohen, President and CEO of the Partnership for the Homeless, who will talk about "Moving Our Work Beyond Shelter." The Partnership, which works with our shelter program, is dedicated to breaking the cycle of homelessness by combining direct services to help individuals and families, along with advocacy that addresses the societal problems at the root of today's rampant homelessness. Please RSVP to the shelter voicemail, 212-787-7600 x 340, by **May 12**. If you are interested in becoming a shelter volunteer, please contact Anne Millman at AnnieMill@aol.com or leave a message on voicemail.

• **Babysitter Wanted for May 19 Shelter Appreciation Dinner**

If you are a responsible, caring young adult who enjoys spending time with children, please call Laura at x261 to offer your babysitting services for this one-time event. A reasonable stipend will be provided.

YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

• **Volunteer to Help Lead May Junior Congregation!**

Saturday, May 6: All of BJ's children who are in 3rd grade and up are invited to help lead our Junior Congregation service. If your child is interested in helping to lead part of the May Junior Congregation service, please contact Kerrith Solomon at ksolomon@bj.org or x253 by **Tuesday, May 2**.

• **Yom Ha'Atzmaut**

Tuesday, May 2, 6:30PM at 88th St. Frankel Hall: Join us, other kids and our friends Shira and Yehuda (our Israeli kids' educators from last December's Israel trip) for a little Israeli singing, a little Israeli dancing and a little Israeli food in honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut. Sponsored by The Miriam L.Siroky Fund for Family Education. Contact Kerrith at x253 with questions.

LEDOR VADOR

• **Spring Shabbat Luncheon—A Member Reminisces**

Saturday, May 20, following Shabbat morning services at the 86th St. Social Hall: As we continue to celebrate B'nai Jeshurun's 180th anniversary, Ledor Vador invites you to an intergenerational luncheon featuring BJ member Nancy Wolkenberg Greenblatt. Nancy first came to BJ in 1943 and will reflect on her experiences about our congregation's many phases over the years. We are excited to try a new venue for this luncheon—the Social Hall at SPSA—so join us for a lively Shabbat afternoon! Please RSVP to x334, leaving the names of those who will be attending. Also, send a check for \$15/member or \$18/non-member with "Ledor Vador 5/20" on the memo line. Children are welcome to attend free of charge.

SIYYUM: OUR DEVARIM CELEBRATION

From beginning to end...

From Bereshit to Devarim...

Welcome BJ's newest Sefer Torah

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2006

4:00–6:00 PM

B'NAI JESHURUN SANCTUARY

257 WEST 88TH STREET

180TH ANNIVERSARY • 1825–2005



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Darkhei No'am • Ways of Pleasantness

COMMUNITY TORAH PROJECT
CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN

THERE IS ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR COMMUNITY TORAH PROJECT!

Our new Torah will be complete when each of its 304,805 letters is written. But our community will not be complete without your participation. **Make a commitment to the BJ community and be a part of the Community Torah Project today.** Be sure to make your donation before the **May 5** deadline. For further information, contact Aviva Raichelson at 212-787-7600 x242.

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

Questions? Contact Deborah Pinsky, dpinsky@bj.org or x254.

TORAH FACT



The Pilgrimage Holidays: Of the many holidays Jews celebrate, the three pilgrimage holidays mentioned in the Torah, Pesah, Shavout, and Sukkot, stand by themselves because they represent the Jews coming into their own as a nation and a people.

Pesah represents our freedom from slavery. We fled Egypt, crossed the Sea of Reeds, and became a separate people. Israel became a reality and Miriam led the women in song and dance to celebrate this auspicious event.

Shavuot celebrates our greatest gift from God—the giving of the Torah to Moshe. The Oral Torah became the rules which we observe, pray and use as a key to leading lives of integrity, honesty, and morality. Pesah represents our becoming a nation; Shavuot represents receiving the laws by which to live.

Sukkot celebrates our leaving the desert and entering Eretz Yisrael—our land, a land for Jews. With Moshe as God's voice, we became a nation; we received the laws to live by; and we finally arrived in our homeland. We are a people of strength and perseverance.
—Lynda Fisher

HAVUROT

• **Men's Havurah**

Monday, May 8, 7:00PM, and every other Monday evening thereafter: We have a very powerful group of men who have been meeting for three years. Join us to share Jewish views as well as support relative to what is going on in your life. For more information, call Sonny Greenwald at 212-769-0350.

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 October of 1918, soon after Rabbi Israel Goldstein came to the Congregation (he would go on to serve until 1960), the Congregation joined the United Synagogue of America. Early in his ministry, Rabbi Goldstein invited to the pulpit prominent spokesmen for the cause of Palestine. Among them was Dr. Chaim Weitzmann

GENERAL INFORMATION

WELCOME TO B'NAI JESHURUN! If you are unfamiliar with our community and Shabbat services, see our "Welcome to BJ" brochure at the back of the sanctuary, or ask an usher to be seated next to a congregant familiar with the services.

• **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

• **A Note from the Ushers:** For those at the 7:30PM 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 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.

JOIN US AT THE BJ MORNING MINYAN: See updated information about the Morning Minyan at 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.

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.

**DESERT AND SEA
By Joanne Palmer**

The ancient Israelites turned their backs on the sea.

Even after they finished their wanderings in the desert, the Israelites seemed always to face east. But they were not necessarily facing Jerusalem, as we do when we pray; instead, their natural orientation seemed to be toward the windblown sands of the desert and the rock-strewn hills that jut out from them.

The Mediterranean was just behind them, lapping nearly at their feet, dark blue and green and foamy white on top, smelling sweetly of salt and ever so slightly of dead fish, but it seems that of all of them only Jonah, that joke of a prophet, that failure of a man, took notice of it.

The BJ Israel trip started in the hills outside Jerusalem. Outside the hotel's large windows tan faded into dun faded into beige under the sharp-edged winter sun. Jerusalem itself is ancient stone; it glows from within but its radiance is dry. Even new things look old in Jerusalem.

Tel Aviv, a much newer city, borders the sea. Its stucco, new just decades ago, has cracked and peeled; the moist sea air is not kind to it. Even new things look old in Tel Aviv.

Our hotel was on the sea; when the nightclubs finally closed for the night we could hear it whisper. When we greeted the new year we stood on the beach; when we were silent the sea sang.

Old, new, desert, sea, stone, stucco, decay, resilience, radiance – Israel is such a small place, but so much is true at once there.

As always, in loving memory of Shira Palmer-Sherman, z'l.

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