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June 2 - 9, 2006

6 - 13 Sivan, 5766

SHAVUOT

TORAH: Deuteronomy 14:22 - 16:17
MAFTIR Numbers 28:26 - 31
HAFTARAH Habakkuk 2:20 - 3:19

NEXT WEEK: **NASO**

TORAH: ANNUAL Numbers 4:21 - 7:89
TRIENNIAL Numbers 5:11 - 6:27
HAFTARAH Judges 13:2 - 25

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

Family Shabbat and Shavuot Service
 Wandering Minyan
 Shabbat and Shavuot Service
 Tze'irim Shabbat Dinners

SHAVUOT

6:00 PM – 88th St.
 6:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
 7:30 PM – 88th St.
 Following 6:00 and 7:30 PM Services

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

Shabbat and Shavuot Services—Yizkor
 Children's Services

SHAVUOT

9:30 AM – 86th St.
 10:45 AM – 86th St. Parlor and Chapel

Aliyat Hatan VeKallah

Emiliano Berenbaum and Rose Cohen

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

Morning Minyan
 Interfaith Shavuot/Pentecost Text Study
 and Coffee Hour at SPSA
 Service at SPSA

9:30 AM – 88th St.
 10:00 AM – 86th St. (SEE P.2)
 11:00 AM – 86th St. (SEE P.2)

MONDAY, JUNE 5

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

Morning Minyan
 Kesharim
*Limud: Prayer and Synagogue Skills**
 with Marshall T. Meyer Fellows Rabbis Dara Frimmer and Lauren Thomas
 BJ Blood Drive

7:30 AM – 88th St.
 2:00 PM – 88th St.
 7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)
 5:00–8:30 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

Morning Minyan
 Judith Bernstein Lunch Program
 BJ Annual Meeting

7:30 AM – 88th St.
 12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall
 7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

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

BE A PART OF HEALTH CARE HISTORY!

Thursday, June 8
 12 noon • On the steps of City Hall

Join Felicia and Panim el Panim at an interfaith press conference to demand that large corporations like Wal-Mart pay their "Fair Share for Health Care!"

We will unveil a letter from 130 clergy urging the State legislature to pass a bill that would guarantee health care for 450,000 working New Yorkers and protect the health care of 3.5 million more. We're all paying the price for our broken healthcare system, but there's more to this crisis than the "bottom line." It's a moral issue that calls on us to protect the divine image in all of us and our neighbors.

Please let the Health Care Hevra know you'll be there: contact Miriam Perrin at 212-650-9800 or mperrinltd@aol.com

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

ALL TOGETHER NOW! SUMMER SHABBAT FRIDAYS ARE COMING!

Beginning *Friday, June 23* at 7:00PM at 88th Street, and until Labor Day weekend, we will all join together to celebrate Kabbalat Shabbat at one service. Accordingly, to accommodate as many congregants as possible, we ask you to kindly observe the following guidelines:

- Please arrive on time.
- Please do not save seats.
- Please honor the Reserved Seats signs.
- Please keep cell phones and other devices turned off the entire time you're in the synagogue.

As of *Saturday, June 24*, all Shabbat morning services will be held at 88th Street.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Emiliano Berenbaum and Rose Cohen in honor of their upcoming wedding.
- Diane Glass on the birth of her son, Nathaniel William Glass.

- Sandi Borger, Susan Olderman and the Marriage Equality Hevra for putting together an extraordinary event on May 30.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Joel Levine and Director of Youth Education Limor Meitel, with Confirmation Class, Temple Judea, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.
- Lynn Kleiman of Cultural Leadership, St. Louis, Missouri.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Celebrate 15 Years of the BJ/SPSA Partnership

Sunday, June 4, 10:00AM–1:00PM, SPSA, 86th St.: BJ's Interfaith Committee invites you to join us to celebrate the 15-year interfaith partnership with SPSA. We will come together on the Pentecost holiday in the Christian calendar (which had its antecedents in Shavuot) while continuing to mark the Jewish celebration of Shavuot. A study of the texts for Pentecost and Shavuot will be lead by Rev. Emily Peck McClain, Associate Pastor of SPSA and a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, and Dr. David Freidenreich. Mim Warden, BJ Interfaith Committee member, will moderate the joint study. The 10:00AM limud will be followed by the 11:00AM service, during which Roly and Rev. K Karpen, SPSA's Pastor, will deliver a joint sermon. BJ's Interfaith Committee will host a coffee hour after the service to recognize SPSA's hospitality when they hosted our Yom Kippur/Ramadan break fast.

• Salute To Israel Parade

Sunday, June 4, 12:00–4:00PM, Fifth Avenue: The Salute to Israel Parade will celebrate the 58th Anniversary of the State of Israel. The Parade route begins at 57th Street and Fifth Avenue and continues north on Fifth Avenue to 79th Street. See www.salutetoisrael.com for more information.

• BJ ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, June 8, 7:00PM, 88th St.: The annual meeting of the members of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. On the agenda will be election of candidates to the Board of Trustees and reports from the Treasurer, President and Rabbis.

• Art Exhibition with BJ member Jill Nathanson in collaboration with scholar Arnold Eisen

June 1–22 at the JCC–Makom: The Center for Mindfulness, 76th St. and Amsterdam Ave., 7th Floor: "The Seeing Sinai Collaboration: Meditations on Exodus 33-34." Viewing hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00AM–5:00PM, Wednesdays from 7:00–10:00PM, and Sundays from 4:00–8:00PM.

• Evening of study with artist Jill Nathanson, Rabbi Jan Uhrbach and Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein

June 14, 7:00PM at the JCC–Makom: The Center for Mindfulness, 76th St. and Amsterdam Ave., 7th Floor: BJ will host an evening of study at "The Seeing Sinai Collaboration: Meditations on Exodus 33-34." At 7:00PM Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein will introduce the exhibition, followed by time to view the exhibition and speak with the artist. At 8:00PM, Rabbi Jan Uhrbach will teach on "Torah and Midrash: Vision in Exodus 33-34."

• Membership Renewal and High Holy Day Information

Our new membership year begins on **July 1**. Membership renewal information was mailed in mid-May. Please remember that all applications must be received by July 21 in order to process them before the High Holy Days. You may choose to attend holiday services at 86th Street (SPSA), 88th Street or Symphony Space. You may also renew online at www.bj.org (click on the "Membership" link) or contact Belinda Lasky, Director of Membership, at x224 for an application. Entrance cards will be mailed in late July.

It Ain't Like It Used To Be: Oneg Shabbats Revived!

The Sisterhood is no longer baking brownies, the Bar Mitzvah boy is no longer reciting Kiddush, and there won't be Manischewitz. Make the joy of Shabbat last! Following the 7:30PM service on **June 9, 88th St.** will be filled with music from our BJ musicians and an extended Shabbat experience with dancing, socializing, finger food, wine and schmoozing.

• New Generations Benefit

Wednesday, June 14, 8:00PM–midnight, Hiro Ballroom at the Maritime Hotel, 371 West 16th St.: In celebration and support of the New Israel Fund's work to promote equality and justice for all Israel's citizens, an evening of great company, elegant fare, an open bar, and fabulous raffle prizes. Featuring DJ Anaan of JDub Records. Tickets start at \$160. A limited number of \$80 tickets are available for full-time students with valid ID and entry-level non-profit employees. See www.nif.org/nycbenefit for more information.

UPCOMING LIMUD

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

• Prayer and Synagogue Skills

Marshall T. Meyer Fellows Rabbis Dara Frimmer and Lauren Thomas
2 Wednesdays (remaining class 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?

SHAVUOT SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY, JUNE 2 (FIRST DAY)

First Day Sunrise Service, 88th St. Sanctuary 5:00AM
Morning Service, 88th St. Sanctuary 10:00AM
Children's Service, 88th St. Frankel Hall 11:15AM
Community Picnic, Riverside Park (weather permitting) 1:00PM

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 88th St. Sanctuary 6:00PM
Wandering Minyan Service, 88th St. Frankel Hall 6:00PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 88th St. Sanctuary 7:30PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 3 (SECOND DAY)

Shabbat Morning Services (Yizkor), 86th St. 9:30AM
Children's Services, 86th St. 10:45AM

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

• **BJ BLOOD DRIVE: "For the blood is the life" (Deuteronomy 12:23)**
Wednesday, June 7, 5:00–8:30PM, 88th St. Sanctuary: The donation that doesn't depend on your bank account and is the greatest mitzvah of them all! Come and bring a friend or colleague. Choose your time by emailing TrudiL531@aol.com or calling x373, and either Sharon Messitte or Trudi Levine will call back to schedule you.

• **BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter Urgently Needs More Sleepover Volunteers**

Our shelter provides a safe and welcoming environment for up to 10 women, Sunday–Thursday. Without volunteers to sleep over, we have to cancel. If a few kind-hearted people can volunteer just one night a month, 9:00PM–7:00AM, we could all sleep more soundly. Please contact Anne Millman at AnnieMill@aol.com or x340.

• **BJ Confronts "An Inconvenient Truth" by Greening**

The Environmental Action Hevra urges you and everyone you know to see "An Inconvenient Truth," Al Gore's new movie on global warming, now playing on the Upper West Side and elsewhere in New York. After seeing the film's disturbing but dispassionately delivered illustrations of where our planet's environment is headed, you will be left in no doubt about the urgency of our doing everything we can, as individuals and as a community, to conserve energy and reduce waste. Then stay tuned throughout the coming year for simple actions you can take to reduce the menace of global warming. To get involved in the Environmental Action Hevra, contact co-chairs Gil Kulick, gil_kulick@yahoo.com, and Jenny Eisenberg, jennyeisenberg@yahoo.com

TZE'IRIM: 205/305

• **Shabbat Lunch in the Park**

Saturday, June 10, 1:00PM, Great Lawn in Central Park: Join members of BJ Tze'irim for an afternoon of fun, food, and conversation. We'll attend Shabbat services (starting at 9:30AM at 86th St.) and walk to Central Park, meeting at 1:00 PM near the middle baseball diamond (#3) on the west side of the Great Lawn. Bring friends, your own lunch, and something to sit on. If it rains, we'll postpone until June 17. If you would like to participate, email Martine at martine_8008@yahoo.com or Jeremy at bronxbmbr5@aol.com

• **Metro-International Student Oneg**

Friday, June 23: Tze'irim will be welcoming a group of international students in their 20s and 30s who are attending school in the New York area to experience BJ services and meet young Jews their age. Three Tze'irim members will speak about their Jewish journeys, and we will all have a chance to munch and schmooze. Please email Katie at kmizrahi@bj.org if you would be interested in being "matched" with a student during services on Friday, June 23. Sign-ups will be online soon at www.bj.org!

BJ BOOK GROUP

• **The Color of Water**

Sunday, June 18, 7:00PM, 88th St.: We will discuss *The Color of Water*, the memoir of James McBride, whose father was a black minister and mother the daughter of a failed Orthodox Rabbi. It is a compelling, powerful meditation on race and identity, as well as a beautifully written tribute of a son to his mother.

• **PLEASE NOTE: Construction at 86th St. Entrance of SPSA**
 Construction of a new ramp at the 86th Street entrance of SPSA will last until July. This means everyone must enter the building through the West End entrance only.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BE A PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY TORAH PROJECT!

Due to an overwhelming response following the Torah Dedication event, we have decided to extend the commitment deadline to **June 16**.

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity! Be a part of the Community Torah Project by visiting the BJ website at www.bj.org/ctp/ or call Aviva Raichelson at 212-787-7600 x242.

TORAH FACT



It has been a privilege to write "Torah Facts" and be part of Darkhei No'am.

Well past the age of Hebrew school, I began my Jewish education during the 1997 BJ Israel Trip and have been learning ever since. In volunteering to write "Torah Facts" I knew it would take research, giving me incentive to learn about our sacred text, its history, its nuances, and its place in Judaism. What began as a fun project in September took on meaning as I learned about the Torah. It was no longer just something I read each Shabbat. As I researched, I became spiritually and emotionally embraced by Torah.

Integrity and ethics, the teachings of Torah, are ingrained in my very being, yet it is only now that I learned their origin. My parents did not practice Judaism, yet they passed on its values given to them by their parents. Writing "Torah Facts" gave me knowledge; it also gave me a new appreciation of my parents.

When this Sefer Torah is used, when it's held high for me to see, knowing that I wrote the letter \aleph and made commitments, it will represent my deep connection to and love of Torah.

—Lynda Fisher

JOIN BJ'S TORAH TEACHERS CIRCLE

We still have many open dates for those of you who would like to join our Torah Teacher's Circle for the current year, which ends the week of September 15. Our Circle consists of BJ members who have chosen to write a d'var Torah on the parasha of the week. From now until we begin the new cycle with Bereshit, we still have many openings. Please send a few choices of dates to hradin@bj.org and you will be notified quickly of which selection is available. Your writing should be about 650-700 words, with room at the end for a few lines about yourself.

• **Conference: International Association of Yiddish Clubs**

July 6–9, Marriott Glen Point Hotel, Teaneck, NJ: The hotel is easily reached by the #176 bus from Port Authority. Workshops during the day (in Yiddish and English) and spectacular entertainment each evening, including performances by BJ members Yale Strom and Elizabeth Schwarz. For more information, please contact BJ member Barbara Simon at bsimon99@aol.com

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.

**A BAR MITZVAH AT BEIT TEFILAH YISRAELI
By Miriam Stern**

The highlight of our trip to Israel over Pesah was the celebration of the Bar Mitzvah of Nimrod, the son of my Israeli cousins, at the Beit Tefilah Yisraeli in Tel-Aviv. Our "Israeli Goyim" (as my cousin described their secular lifestyle) are "converted" and trying to get others to join them at this wonderful BJ partner synagogue. It is no surprise that once people attend the services at Beit Tefilah, they keep coming. The leaders, Rani, Esteban and Galit, are very special people. Their warmth, knowledge of the written word, enthusiasm, and praying and singing from the heart are inspiring. It is a very down-to-earth group of people who are serious about their involvement in non-Orthodox Judaism.

Saturday morning for the Bar Mitzvah service, the synagogue was filled to capacity. It was very inspiring, especially knowing that many of our Israeli family members were experiencing a Bar Mitzvah and a Shabbat service for the first time. The Torah had to be brought from Jerusalem because Beit Tefilah does not yet own one. Adding to the power of the day, this was only the second Bar Mitzvah at Beit Tefilah. In a beautiful symbolic gesture, the first child to have a Bar Mitzvah at the synagogue transferred the yad to Nimrod. My cousin Udi told me that the creation of the Bar Mitzvah service with Galit was a special experience for their entire family.

In a meeting to pick a verse to commemorate in the Torah BJ wrote for our Torah Project, Marcelo said to Carl and me: "I think there is a quiet movement in Israel for change." We think he is right. BJ is a beacon to new spiritual communities in Israel like Beit Tefilah Yisraeli.

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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