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June 16 - 23, 2006

20 - 27 Sivan, 5766

BEHA'ALOTKHA

TORAH: ANNUAL Numbers 8:1 - 12:16

TRIENNIAL Numbers 9:15 - 10:34

HAFTARAH Zekharia 2:14 - 4:7

NEXT WEEK: **SHELAH LEKHA**

MEVARKHIM HAḤODESH

TORAH: ANNUAL Numbers 13:1 - 15:41

TRIENNIAL Numbers 14:8 - 15:7

HAFTARAH Joshua 2:1 - 24

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:00 PM – 88th St.

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7:30 PM – 88th St.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Shabbat Services

9:30 AM – 86th St.

Children's Services

10:45 AM – 86th St. Parlor and Chapel

Naming

Isabella Nora Kaplan

Bar Mitzvah

Sammy Wild

Community Kiddush

Following Services – 86th St.

Tze'irim Shabbat Lunch in the Park

1:00 PM – Great Lawn, Central Park
(postponed from last week; SEE P.3)

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ Book Group

7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.3)

MONDAY, JUNE 19

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Kesharim

2:00 PM – 88th St.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program

12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK

Volunteers Needed
at the BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter!

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, Sunday–Thursday. We need volunteers to replace the regulars; people to commit to one night each month to sleep over from 9:00PM–6:00AM, set up meals and beds from 7:00–9:00PM, or prepare or donate food. We hope you will come forward at this time of need. Contact Anne Millman, Shelter Co-Chair, at AnnieMill@aol.com or x 340.

ALL TOGETHER NOW! SUMMER KABBALAT SHABBATS ARE COMING!

Beginning *Friday, June 23* at **7:00PM at 88th Street**, and through 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

HA-MAKOM YENAHEM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun extends sincere condolences to Howard, Judy, Shira and Stuart Spivak and their entire family on the death of Howard's beloved father, Samuel Spivak.

MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Sammy, Philip, Harris, and Nathan Wild and Leana Moritt in honor of Sammy becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Edward and Nathalie, Bella, Lily, Joan, Nathan and Joseph Kaplan, on the naming of their daughter, sister, granddaughter and niece, Isabella Nora.
- All our ushers for Friday night early and late services and Shabbat morning services, with a special thank you to Jeff, Henry and Glenda for making it all happen. Yasher koah!

TODAH RABBAH

• This week's Community Kiddush is sponsored by Leana Moritt and Philip Wild in honor of their son, Sammy becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and Sandee Brawarsky in honor of her birthday.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Stephen Wylen, Cantor Charles Romalis, Director of Education Ellen Goldin and congregants, Temple Beth Tikvah, Wayne, New Jersey.
- Karen Kalish, Founder and Executive Director of Cultural Leadership, and Cultural Leadership participants, St. Louis, Missouri.
- Rabbi Zeilicovich and Confirmation Class, Congregation Ahavath Sholom, Fort Worth, Texas.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Art Exhibition with BJ Member Jill Nathanson in Collaboration with Scholar Dr. 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.

• **AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corps Honors Rabbi Felicia Sol**
Monday, June 19, 6:30PM, The Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Place: At its upcoming "Partners in Justice" event, AVODAH will honor Rabbi Sol for her commitment to integrating effective social change and vibrant Jewish life. In AVODAH, young people live out their commitments to Jewish life and social change through a year of full-time work on poverty issues in Washington, DC, Chicago, and New York City. We hope you will join AVODAH in honoring Rabbi Sol. Tickets to the event start at \$175. Please contact Ilanit Gerblach Kalir, 212-545-7759 x13 if you would like to attend. For more information, visit avodah.net/savethedate

• **EARTHLY DELIGHTS: Music to Welcome the Arrival of Summer**
Thursday, June 21, 7:00PM, West Side Community Garden: The New York Consort of Viols, directed by BJ member Judith Davidoff, will present a free concert at the West Side Community Garden on 89th Street between Amsterdam and Columbus Avenues. Guests will be Grant Herreid, lute, and Green Man. In case of rain, the concert will take place in P.S. 166, opposite the garden.

• Pride Week at BJ

Friday, June 23: BJ will celebrate Pride Shabbat with Congregation Beit Simchat Torah (CBST), as we do every year. With special guest Christine Quinn, Speaker of the City Council. No RSVP necessary. CBST services are held at the Church of the Holy Apostle, 28th St. and 9th Ave. **Shabbat morning services, June 24**, 9:30AM at 88th St.: LGBT aliyah and d'var Torah by Rabbi Steve Greenberg of CLAL, author of *Wrestling with God & Men: Homosexuality in the Jewish Tradition*.

• Membership Renewal and High Holy Day Information

Our new membership year begins on **July 1**. Membership renewal information was mailed mid-May. Please remember that all applications must be received by July 21 for processing before the High Holy Days. You may choose to attend 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 late July.

• Pray With Your Feet: Join Soaringwords 5K Walk and Celebrate Denyse Dolny's Life

Tuesday, July 11, 5:30–8:30PM, 79th Street in Riverside Park: Soaringwords is a non-profit charity devoted to helping millions of ill children and families heal. Soaringwords was started by Lisa Honig Buksbaum, a BJ member. Denyse Dolny, may her memory be a blessing, loved her children and dedicated so much of her energy to help people heal through movement. What better tribute to her than for her community to move together to help others struggling with illness. We'll walk together as a team. Please invite all of your friends, family and co-workers to sponsor you. Go to www.active.com/donate/soaringwords to join the team and make a donation today. 100% of the monies raised will support Soaringwords Hospital Outreach programs to benefit ill children in New York City, New Orleans and Israel.

• 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.

• Community Kiddushim

We would love to have a Community Kiddush on as many Shabbatot as possible! You may create a Community Kiddush at whatever cost level that is comfortable, from coffee/tea and cake to a fuller lunch-type Kiddush. For more information, contact Helen Radin at x233.

UPCOMING LIMUD

• Rosh Hodesh Women's Group for Tammuz

Monday, June 26 • 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

• **Darfur Response Committee Meeting**
Tuesday, June 20, 7:00–9:00PM, 88th St. Sanctuary: Join us as we discuss our plans for the summer. For more information (or to be on our committee email list) contact Doug Miller, babyjojo@rcn.com or 212-799-2173.

• **Street Fair for Darfur**
Sunday, June 25, 10:00AM–6:00PM, Columbus Avenue between 86th–96th Streets.: The Darfur Response Committee is looking for volunteers to staff our table at the 16th Annual Columbus Avenue Street Festival. If you can commit for an hour or two, please contact Josie Shapiro at msjosine@aol.com or 917-306-6961.

• **Traveling? Bring Back Needed Souvenirs!**
 When you travel, please collect the complimentary travel-sized toiletries provided by your hotel, and donate them to the guests at BJ's Judith Bernstein Lunch Program. Needed items include: mouthwash, shampoo, shower caps, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. All items will be distributed to our guests at the Thursday Judith Bernstein Lunch Program. Help make a difference! Please drop off donations at the BJ office at 2109 Broadway, Suite 203 during business hours, 9:00AM–5:00PM, Monday–Thursday. Please call x259 for more information.

• **Ride with BJ in Hazon's 6th Annual New York Jewish Environmental Bike Ride**
Labor Day Weekend, September 1–4: Join Hazon for a Shabbat Retreat and 2-day, 125-mile ride from the Connecticut Berkshires to Manhattan to raise money to support environmental advocacy in the US and Israel. The Ride is open to everyone, regardless of religious background or biking experience, who is interested in making the world a better place, and having a great time doing it! To register: www.hazon.org/nyride or contact Heidi Sadowsky (hsadowsky@gmail.com) or Anna Stevenson (anna@hazon.org or 212-644-2332) for more information.

TZE'IRIM: 205/305

• **Shabbat Lunch in the Park**
Saturday, June 17, 1:00PM, Great Lawn in Central Park (postponed from last week): 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 1:00PM 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 you would like to participate, email Martine at martine_8008@yahoo.com or Jeremy at bronxbmbr5@aol.com

• **Tze'irim Oneg with International Students**
Friday, June 23: Come join us as we welcome a group of international college and grad students to BJ and New York. We will escort them to services and stay afterwards for food, drinks and a brief panel discussion at which a few of our own Tze'irim members will speak about their Jewish journeys. Sign up online at www.bj.org; BJ members will be given priority for the event. We still need people to be "matched" with students to welcome them to services—interested? Email Katie at kmizrahi@bj.org

BJ BOOK GROUP

• **The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother**
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.

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.

Help the Poor and Hearing-Impaired in Israel

Do you have an old or used hearing aid lying in a drawer collecting dust? Has a loved one who was hard-of-hearing recently died and you have their hearing aid and don't know what to do with it? Hearing aids are being refurbished by Hadassah Hospital and distributed to indigent Israelis who are unable to buy devices of their own. BJ will now be collecting used hearing aids and we ask you to help. If you have a hearing aid to donate, please contact BJ member Esther Rivka Wolpert at Jwerw@aol.com or bring it to the BJ office, attention Carol Dikman.

• **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.

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.



Arab market, Old City, Jerusalem • BJ Israel Trip, Dec. 2005–Jan. 2006

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• Welcome to BJ • Membership at BJ • Membership Packets • BJ Annual Catalogue • Limud Catalogue • Bikkur Holim • New Havurot Applications