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April 13 - 20, 2007

25 Nisan - 2 Iyar, 5767

SHEMINI

MEVARKHIM HAHOODESH

TORAH Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 11:1 - 11:47

HAFTARAH Samuel 6:1 - 19

NEXT WEEK: TAZRIA-METZORA

TORAH Leviticus 12:1 - 15:33

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 14:33 - 15:33

HAFTARAH II Kings 7:3 - 20

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEKRegister Now to Get on the Bus
for Marriage Equality!

Tuesday, May 1 • All day • In Albany

Be part of a historic moment in an American civil rights struggle! Legislative leaders have told our movement that 800-1000 people are needed in Albany on May 1 to prove that Marriage Equality is a top priority for our communities! You can make the difference!

Ride with BJ's Marriage Equality Hevra as we join our voices with hundreds of people of faith from across New York State. We'll meet with legislators to demand equal access to civil marriage for same-sex couples under NY State law. The bus will leave at about 6:00AM from 88th St. and return at about 8:30PM. A nominal registration fee covers the bus, breakfast, and lunch.

Register at prideagenda.org/programs/leandj — be sure to enter "B'nai Jeshurun" under "Organization." Contact Hevra co-chairs Susan Olderman, susanolderman@yahoo.com, or Amy Lavine, alavine@gaycenter.org, or Guy at x259 for more info. You must register ASAP!

• Earth Day will be honored at Shabbat services Saturday, April 21, 86th St.: Be sure to join us at Shabbat services next Saturday morning as BJ honors Earth Day (Sunday, April 22). Sponsored by the Environmental Action Hevra.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 PM – 88th St.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM – 88th St.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 11 (Netzah Shebegevurah)

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

Shabbat Services 9:30 AM – 86th St.

Children's Services 10:45 AM – 86th St. Parlor and Chapel

Minha/Ma'ariv 7:00 PM – 88th St.

Bar Mitzvah Elias Birnbaum

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 12 (Hod Shebegevurah)

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

EREV YOM HASHOAH

Morning Minyan 9:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall

Yom HaShoah Service and Film Screening 6:45 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 13 (Yesod Shebegevurah)

MONDAY, APRIL 16

YOM HASHOAH

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM – 88th St.

Limud: Introduction to Judaism* 7:00 PM – BJ Office

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 14 (Malkhut Shebegevurah)

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

Limud: Gems of Genesis* 8:10 AM – 88th St.

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM – 88th St.

Limud: Lifecycle Skills* 7:00 PM – 86th St. Chapel (SEE P.2)

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 15 (Hesed Shebetiferet)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

ROSH HODESH IYAR

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

Kesharim 2:00 PM – 88th St.

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall

Limud: Rosh Hodesh Women's Group* 7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

Limud: On The Path To Shavuot* 7:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

ROSH HODESH IYAR

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

Judith Bernstein Lunch Program 12:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall

Limud: Parashat HaShavu'a* 7:00 PM – BJ Office

Limud: Accompanying a Parent in Their Last Chapter of Life* 7:00 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall (SEE P.2)

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

Morning Minyan 7:30 AM – 88th St.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HA-MAKOM YENAHM

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

- Guy, Louisa, and Anders Halperin on the death of their beloved father, father-in-law, and grandfather, Jerome R. Halperin.
- Laurie, Jeffrey, Perry, Sydney, and Cody Goldberger on the death of their beloved father, father-in-law, and grandfather, Eugene Goldman.
- Lisa Halprin Fleisher and Arthur, Aaron and Nicholas Fleisher on the death of their beloved mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, Bonita (Bonnie) Halprin.

- Jonathan Adelsberg on the death of his beloved father, Harvey Adelsberg.

MAZAL TOV

- To Elias, Arthur and Kim Birnbaum on Elias becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Jacques Cukierkorn and Confirmation Class, The New Reform Temple, Kansas City, Missouri.
- Michelle Manley and the Post B'nai Mitzvah students, Temple Beth El, Augusta, Maine.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• Yom HaShoah at BJ

Sunday, April 15, 6:45PM, 88th Street: Following services and the annual Reading and Hearing of the Names of relatives of BJ members and friends who were murdered during the Shoah, we will screen the award-winning documentary *AS IF IT WERE YESTERDAY! COMME SI C'ETAIT HIER* (1980, 86 min.) by BJ member/filmmaker Myriam Abramowicz, the story of Belgians who risked their lives to hide and save Jewish children during the Shoah. Introduction by the Hon. Renilde Loecx-Drozdiak, Consul General of Belgium. Q&A with Myriam Abramowicz will follow. The all-night vigil of The Reading and Hearing of the Names will be held at SAJ, 15 W. 86th St., from 10:00PM–8:00AM, and continue at the JCC, 334 Amsterdam Ave., from 8:30AM–6:00PM. The BJ reading slot is midnight–12:30AM.

• Junior Congregation

Saturday, April 21, 10:30AM: We're looking for leaders and participants for our next Shabbat morning Junior Congregation. Please contact Rebecca Rosenthal at rrosenthal@bj.org or x243 if you want to lead or learn to lead any of the prayers. Spots fill up fast, so don't delay!

• Yom Iyyun: A day of reflection and discussion about Israel

Sunday, April 22, 2:00–5:00PM, with a Family Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration from 2:00–3:30PM, 88th Street: What is my personal connection to Israel? Craft your answer through a stimulating day of workshops and small group discussions. For more information, contact Jillian Cameron at jcameron@bj.org. Families with children are invited to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut with "A Day in the Life of an Israeli Child." For family program, contact rrosenthal@bj.org

• BJ Book Club

Sunday, April 29, 7:00PM, 88th St. Frankel Hall: BJ author Henry Grinberg will present his new novel, *Variations on the Beast* (nominated for the National Book Award), a portrayal of antisemitism that

gripped Europe during the Third Reich. We will also discuss "The Wedding Jester," a short story in Steve Stern's collection *The Wedding Jester*. Stern has been referred to as "an astonishing writer... offers immense delight... a new chance to journey to a magical Jewish otherworld." Next month's book will be Allegra Goodman's *Intuition*.

• Ledor Vador Shabbat Luncheon: Teens in Action

Saturday, May 12, following Shabbat morning services, 88th Street Frankel Hall: Join us as students in BJ's teen program share photos, stories and challenges from programs with JFSJ in Louisiana and AJWS in Mexico. Please RSVP to x334 with the names of those who will be attending. Register at www.bj.org or send a check for \$15/member or \$18/non-member with "Ledor Vador 5/12" on the memo line. Children under 18 are welcome to attend free of charge.

• Preparing to Receive Torah: A Retreat for Walking Into Shavuot

May 18–20, Camp Isabella Friedman: Registration is now open for this year's Contemplative Retreat led by Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Rachel Cowan. Enjoy meditation, nature, yoga, and spiritual renewal. For beginners and advanced practitioners. Register at www.bj.org; deadline May 1. More info: Charles at clenchner@bj.org or x240.

TZE'IRIM: 20S/30S

• Next Tze'irim Salon!

Wednesday night, April 25: Join Mark Greenfield as he leads a great text study on the environment. For more information and to RSVP, contact Limud co-chairs Leora and Gregg at TzLimud@yahoo.com

• The British Invasion

Friday, April 27, following the 7:30PM service: Shabbat dinner with 20s/30s from London. Please RSVP at www.bj.org/tzeirim_potluck_20070427.php

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

UPCOMING LIMUD

• Jewish Practice Skills Workshop: Lifecycle Skills

Marshall T. Meyer Fellow Rabbi Dara Frimmer
3 Tuesdays (April 17, 24, May 1) • 7:00–8:30PM • 86th St. Chapel • Cost: Free, registration required. How do Jews mark various rites of passage in a person's life? Explore rituals and practices including bikur holim, shiva, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, wedding and funeral.

• On The Path To Shavuot: Opening The Heart Through Song

Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon
4 Wednesdays (April 18, 25, May 2, 16) • 7:00–8:15PM • 88th St. Frankel Hall • Cost: Free, registration required. As spiritual preparation to receive the Torah on Shavuot, we will learn texts as well as piyutim (liturgical poems) and verses from the book of Psalms set to melodies from different parts of the Jewish dispersion.

• Women's Rosh Hodesh Group for Iyar

Rabbis Felicia L. Sol, Dara Frimmer, and Lauren Holtzblatt
Wednesday, April 18 • 7:00PM • 88th St. • Cost: Free, registration not required. Each new month on the Hebrew calendar, we will have an opportunity to study, discuss, celebrate and pray together on this holiday traditionally associated with women. Please bring a dairy/vegetarian kosher snack to share with the group.

• Accompanying a Parent in Their Last Chapter of Life

Marshall T. Meyer Fellow Chen Ben Or Tsfofi
3 Thursdays (April 19, 26, May 3) • 7:00–8:30PM • 88th St. Frankel Hall • Cost: Free, registration required. When we accompany our parents at the brink, near death, we experience strong emotions. We will address these in light of the Psalms and midrashim, and sift through the many paths for dealing with the approaching death of a parent.