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April 20 - 27, 2007

2-9 Iyar, 5767

## TAZRIA-METZORA

TORAH Leviticus 12:1 - 15:33

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 14:33 - 15:33

HAFTARAH II Kings 7:3 - 20

NEXT WEEK: AHAREI MOT-KEDOSHIM

TORAH Leviticus 16:1 - 20:27

TRIENNIAL Leviticus 19:15 - 20:27

HAFTARAH Amos 9:7 - 15

## YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION!

Monday, April 23 • 7:00PM • 88th Street

Celebrate 59 years of Israel! There will be a festive service followed by some delicious Israeli food and the movie *Boker Tov Yisrael* (Good Morning Israel).

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

Green Your Household!

Green homes can help lead to a green world! Do your part by taking home the "Brit Adamah" (Earth Covenant) attached to this week's KJ. Please fill it out—detach and return the right-hand side to the BJ office.

Filling out the Brit Adamah is an inspiring way to commit to specific, easy steps you can take to green your home and help stop global warming. If you live with children, ask them to help you—it's a wonderful and fun educational moment! Members who take and fulfill the pledge will be recognized if they wish on our "Etz Hayim—Tree of Life."

Meanwhile, BJ at the institutional level will be working in the coming months to improve our recycling and other sustainable practices. We are undertaking an energy audit of the 88th Street building to see where we can save money, save energy, and save the earth too!

These exciting efforts are part of "Greening BJ," a project of the Environmental Action Hevra, which is part of Panim el Panim: BJ's Community Organizing and Advocacy Initiative. More info: BJGreenHevra@yahoo.com, or Guy, x259.

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

## FRIDAY, APRIL 20

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

6:00 PM – 88th St.

B'nai Mitvah '07-'08 Class Family Dinner

Following 6:00 PM Service –  
88th St. Frankel Hall

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

7:30 PM – 88th St.

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

## SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Shabbat Services

9:30 AM – 86th St.

Junior Congregation

10:30 AM – 86th St. Social Hall

Children's Services

10:45 AM – 86th St. Parlor and Chapel

Bat Mitzvah

Michal Rizoway

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

## SUNDAY, APRIL 22

Morning Minyan

9:30 AM – 88th St.

Yom Iyyun: A Day of Reflection  
and Discussion About Israel

2:00 – 5:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE P.2)

Family Program

2:00 – 3:30 PM – 88th St. Frankel Hall  
(SEE P.2)

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM – 86th St. Social Hall

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

## MONDAY, APRIL 23

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

BJ/SPSA Homeless Shelter

7:00 PM – 88th St.

Limud: Introduction to Judaism\*

No class this week

Yom Ha'atzmaut Service and Celebration

7:00 PM – 88th St. (SEE SIDEBAR)

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

## TUESDAY, APRIL 24

BJ OFFICE CLOSED

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\*

No class this week (SEE P.2)

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

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

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: On The Path To Shavuot\*

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

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

## THURSDAY, APRIL 26

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 Parents\*

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

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 24 (Tiferet Shebenetzah)

## FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Morning Minyan

7:30 AM – 88th St.

■ OMER COUNT: Tonight begins DAY 25 (Netzah Shebenetzah)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HA-MAKOM YENAHM

The community of B'nai Jeshurun mourns the death of our beloved member David Oliner and extends sincere condolences to Barbara, Elizabeth, and Benjamin Oliner on the death of their beloved husband and father.

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

- Bernice Todres on the death of her beloved sister-in-law, Ada Todres.
- Sue Fein on the death of her beloved mother, Mildred Fein.
- Ivy and David Schreiber on the death of David's beloved grandmother.

### MAZAL TOV

To the following members and their families:

- Michal, Carlos, Brian and Yael Rizowy on Michal becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

### TODAH RABBAH

- The BJ Hakhnasat Orhim (Hospitality) Committee extends a big

Todah Rabbah to Laurel Kallen & Michael Piazza, Leah Peskin, Alan Browning, David Zagorsky, Joyce Gottlieb, Barbara Goldman, Cantor Shira Belfer, Susan Green, Judith & Howard Spivak, Shirley Dorfman, Leon & Judith Jacobson, Carrie Harris, Bob Arotzky, Irv Rosenthal & Ruth Jarmul, Susan & Edmond Torn, Florence Rubinfeld, Cecile Rodau, Rebecca Jupiter, Toni Siegel, and Harriet Abraham & Ken Crowell. Because these members so graciously extended their tables to other BJ members for Passover seders, we had over 50 places to offer our members for the holiday. Our hosts exemplify the spirit of sharing and community that we applaud at BJ.

### B'RUKHIM HABA-IM

- Rabbi Amanda Leuer and congregants, Main Line Reform Temple Beth Elohim, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania.
- Rabbi Stan Miles and congregants, Temple Shalom, Louisville, Kentucky.
- Students and families, Hebrew High School, Port Washington, New York.
- Cantors Elias Rosemberg and Daniel Nesson and Rabbis Michelle Robinson and Michael Benjamin and members, Temple Emanuel, Newton, Massachusetts.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

• **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 led by Lisa Katz, lecturer at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Peter Geffen, founder of the Abraham Joshua Heschel School and Kivunim, and Steven M. Cohen, renowned sociologist. For more information, contact [jcameron@bj.org](mailto:jcameron@bj.org). Families with children are invited to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut with "A Day In The Life Of An Israeli Child." Contact [rosenthal@bj.org](mailto:rosenthal@bj.org) for more information about the family program.

• **Contemplative Shabbat Service**

**Friday, April 27, 6:00PM**, 86th Street: Service includes chanting, kavanot, and silence. Open to the public. Please contact [clenchner@bj.org](mailto:clenchner@bj.org) to sign up for our Contemplative announcement list.

• **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, excellent air and spiritual renewal. For beginners and advanced practitioners. Please register at [www.bj.org](http://www.bj.org). For more information, contact Charles at [clenchner@bj.org](mailto:clenchner@bj.org) or x240. Registration deadline is May 1.

• **Israel Photo Exhibit in Frankel Hall**

A unique and compelling photography exhibit detailing the five month stay in Israel of BJ members Elizabeth Langer, an artist and attorney, and her husband Richard Chused, a professor at Georgetown University Law Center, is now on display at 88th St. Frankel Hall. Langer and Chused lived in Jerusalem from September, 2004 through February, 2005 while Chused taught at Hebrew University's Faculty of Law on a Fulbright Grant. Included in this exhibit is a selection of 36 photographs from the couple's travels, along with a personal commentary of their experiences.

## UPCOMING LIMUD

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

### CLASSES IN PROGRESS:

- **Jewish Practice Skills Workshop: Lifecycle Skills**  
Marshall T. Meyer Fellow Rabbi Dara Frimmer  
2 **Tuesdays (remaining class May 1)** • 7:00–8:30PM • 86th St. Chapel  
• Cost: Free, registration required.
- **On The Path To Shavuot: Opening The Heart Through Song**  
Rabbi J. Rolando Matalon  
4 **Wednesdays (remaining classes April 25, May 2, 16)** • 7:00–8:15PM  
• 88th St. Frankel Hall • Cost: Free, registration required.
- **Accompanying Parents in Their Last Chapters of Life**  
Marshall T. Meyer Fellow Chen Ben Or Tsfoni  
3 **Thursdays (remaining classes April 26, May 3)** • 7:00–8:30PM • 88th St. Frankel Hall • Cost: Free, registration required.

### UPCOMING CLASSES:

**Teacher in Residence Shabbat: Dr. Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg In Memory of BJ Member Ceil Merritt z"l**

*Lecture: Jonah: a Fantasy of Flight*

**Thursday, May 10** • 7:30PM • 88th Street

**Cost: \$10/\$20** (registration at the door; doors open 7:00PM)

*Lecture: Desire in the Desert*

**Saturday, May 12** • 5:00PM • 88th Street Social Hall

**Cost: Free; registration required.**

**Dr. Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg** holds a B.A. and Ph.D. in English Literature from Cambridge University. She has developed an original approach to the learning of Torah, weaving literary, psychological, and philosophical elements into her reading of the Biblical and Midrashic narrative. Dr. Zornberg lectures widely and is the author of two books: *Genesis: The Beginning of Desire* (JPS), which won the National Jewish Book Award in 1995, and *The Particulars of Rapture: Reflections on Exodus* (Doubleday).

**SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE**

• **Global Day for Darfur**

**Sunday, April 29, 2:00–3:30PM**, Washington Square Park: Bring a pen and join BJ members for letter writing and a rally in Washington Square Park on the Global Day for Darfur! To volunteer, call Cydney Arther, 212-874-7282. This major rally is part of the weeklong Global Days for Darfur. Other events: "Where's Darfur" benefit concert at the Knitting Factory, Monday April 23, 8:00PM; Leafletting on Wall Street for targeted divestment from Sudan, Tuesday, April 24, morning rush hour. More info: Josie Shapiro, msjosine@aol.com

• **Last Chance to Get on the Bus for Marriage Equality**

**Tuesday, May 1, 6:00AM** at 88th St, returning from Albany at 8:30PM: Don't miss this chance to lobby your legislators in Albany. Ride with Rabbis Marcelo Bronstein and Lauren Holtzblatt and fellow BJ'ers. You must register ASAP at [prideagenda.org/programs/leandj](http://prideagenda.org/programs/leandj)—be sure to enter "B'nai Jeshurun" under "Organization." More info: Susan Olderman, susanolderman@yahoo.com, or Guy, x259.

• **Join BJ in the AIDS Walk! Register Now!**

**Sunday, May 20, 9:00AM–12:00PM**, meet at 5th Ave. and 59th St.: This is BJ's 15th year in this annual event that raises money for the Gay Men's Health Crisis and over 50 other HIV/AIDS organizations—let's show our spirit and commitment this year in a major way! You can register online at [www.aidswalk.net/newyork](http://www.aidswalk.net/newyork) under the team name "Congregation B'nai Jeshurun/Tehillah" (Team #1017). More info: Ellen Corenswet, ecorenswet@cov.com, or Guy, x259.

• **Save the Date: BJ/SPSA Blood Drive**

**Tuesday, May 29, 4:00–9:00PM**, 88th St.: Mark your calendars to donate blood at the next BJ/SPSA Blood Drive. Give the gift of life. This donation doesn't depend on your bank account and is the greatest mitzvah of them all! "For the blood is the life" (Deut. 12:23).

**YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION**

• **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 [rosenthal@bj.org](mailto:rosenthal@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!

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

• **Tze'irim Limud Salon**

**Wednesday, April 25, 7:00PM**: A lay-led, in-home learning experience. To celebrate Earth Day, we will be learning what Judaism has to say about the environment. Mark Greenfield, our liaison to BJ's Environmental Action Hevra, will lead us in a great evening of text study and discussion. As always we'll have food, drinks, and great conversation! RSVP to Limmud co-chairs Leora and Gregg at [TzLimmud@yahoo.com](mailto:TzLimmud@yahoo.com)

• **The British Invasion**

**Friday, April 27, following the 7:30PM service**: Shabbat potluck dinner with 20s/30s from London... the biggest dinner yet! We're looking for 100+ Tze'irim to meet the British Invasion head-on. Sign up for the dinner at [www.bj.org/tzeirim\\_potluck\\_20070427.php](http://www.bj.org/tzeirim_potluck_20070427.php). The 20s/30s group from London will also be doing a tour of the LES on Saturday, April 28. If you'd like to join them, please send an email to [bjtzeirim@yahoo.com](mailto:bjtzeirim@yahoo.com)

• **International Students Visit BJ!**

**Friday, May 4**: Help us welcome visiting graduate students from around the world who are interested in cross cultural exchange and religious dialogue. We will sit together during Shabbat services, enjoy some food and wine at the BJ oneq, and then move downstairs to Frankel Hall for a Tze'irim panel on Jewish identity followed by Q&A and discussion. Interested in participating? Contact Rabbi Dara Frimmer at [dfrimmer@bj.org](mailto:dfrimmer@bj.org)

**LEDOR VADOR**

• **Ledor Vador Shabbat Luncheon: Teens in Action**

**Saturday, May 12, following Shabbat morning services**, 88th Street Frankel Hall: BJ's teen program is based around the concepts of building Jewish identity, social action and experiential education. Join us as students share photos, stories and challenges from two of this year's programs—the 8th and 9th grade program with JFSJ in Louisiana and the 10-12th grade program with AJWS in Mexico. Alums of last year's program in El Salvador will also be in attendance. Please RSVP at x334, leaving the names of those who will be attending. Register online 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.

**BJ BOOK CLUB**

• **Variations On the Beast and "The Wedding Jester"**

**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*.

**FORGING A NATION**

Tribeca Film Festival premiere with Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein

**Saturday, April 28 • 8:45PM • AMC 34th St.**

Attend the premiere of David Blaustein's film about how Jews fleeing persecution in Europe help shape modern Argentina. Q & A to follow with the director and Rabbi Marcelo. Cost: \$14. Tickets available at [www.tribecafilmfestival.org](http://www.tribecafilmfestival.org)



**DO YOU KNOW OF A HOLOCAUST VICTIM?**



Over three million names, pictures and biographical details of Jews who perished in the Holocaust are recorded in Yad Vashem's Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names online.

**Millions more remain unidentified.**

**Preserve their memory for future generations:**

- ▶ **SEARCH** the online Database [www.yadvashem.org](http://www.yadvashem.org) to see if victims known to you, your family and acquaintances are registered.
- ▶ **SUBMIT** unregistered names, photographs and documents online, or request a Page of Testimony form to fill out by hand from Yad Vashem. You may also download a form from the site: [www.yadvashem.org](http://www.yadvashem.org)

- For more information call The American Society for Yad Vashem: 1-212-220-4304 or email Yad Vashem Jerusalem: [central.database@yadvashem.org.il](mailto:central.database@yadvashem.org.il)
- Testimonies given to organizations other than Yad Vashem are NOT in the Central Database.
- For a free resource guide to initiating a Names Recovery Campaign in your community contact: [names.outreach@yadvashem.org.il](mailto:names.outreach@yadvashem.org.il)

[www.yadvashem.org](http://www.yadvashem.org)

## 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](mailto: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. Photography, cell phone use, and food is not permitted in the sanctuary. To prepare for the comfort and security of all, doors open 30 minutes before services begin.

• **Assistive Listening Devices for Services at BJ** are available during services at both 88th and 86th Streets. Contact the ushers at the back of the Sanctuary—and remember to return the devices when you leave.

### REMEMBERING HESCHEL

*In this centennial year of Abraham Joshua Heschel's birth, it's good for us to remember not only his original and challenging ideas, but also the breathtakingly beautiful language in which he couched them. This year in the Kol Jeshurun we will periodically print short quotations from Rabbi Heschel's works.*

**"Only in His presence shall we learn that the glory of man is not in his will to power but in his power of compassion."**

—*The Meaning of This War*

**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.

## 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.*

Elizabeth Langer and Richard Chused spent a sabbatical in Jerusalem from September, 2004 through February, 2005. A photo exhibit is on display at 88th Street Frankel Hall. This is the first of a series chronicling their life in Israel.

### JERUSALEM DIARY: SEPTEMBER 2004

Dear Family and Friends,

This has been a remarkable first week in Jerusalem—filled with adventures and delights.

Our small apartment is on French Hill—a neighborhood of about 5,000 people located a couple of miles north of the Old City. It is on land just east of the "green line"—the dividing line between Jordan and Israel prior to the 1967 war. Looking south from our sixth floor apartment there is a fantastic view of the city. The Mount Scopus campus of Hebrew University is a 15 minute walk to the south-east. Neighbors and colleagues here have been remarkably warm and welcoming. Most speak English well. There are a number of Arab neighborhoods nearby, as this area, was Arab prior to 1967. For the most part they are now Israeli citizens, though many Palestinians would label French Hill a "settlement." A short walk brings us to a small shopping area and a Masorti synagogue, Ramot Zion. A larger neighborhood—Ramot Eshkol—an Orthodox community with a more substantial shopping center lies just to the west on the other side of the old Green line.

The center of Jerusalem is a ten-minute drive. We already have explored a number of neighborhoods, including Baaka (a hip area full of young people, shops, restaurants and cafes) and parts of the Ben Yhuda market district. Cultural events are frequent. This week we've seen the Israeli National Opera outdoors at the Makhana Yehuda market and chamber music at the YMCA. Despite the reports of disaster in the western press, the city is lively, and the streets, cafes, shops and restaurants are jumping.

Walking around this city is a real experience. Though most people here are Jewish in some way, the diversity and variety is astounding. Black hats and haredim mix with Arab Israelis, teenagers dressed in the latest designer jeans, visitors and immigrants from Russia, Ethiopia, the U.S. and central Europe. This is a far from coherent society, and we have begun to understand why politics here are so complex. Making some sense of all this is one thing we hope to accomplish before we return to the U.S.

L'hitraot and Shalom,

Elizabeth and Richard

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